

COVID-19 Information

Dependent Travel to Germany

Q: My college student's university in the United States has stopped conducting classes for the foreseeable future and has told all student to return home. Will my son or daughter be denied entry to Germany because they aren't German citizens?

A: As long as the dependent children have a valid reason for entering Germany and can present a Military ID, a copy of their parent's official travel order listing the dependent, and SOFA stamp in their passport, they are allowed to enter Germany. Status with these documents will be treated the same as being in possession of a residence permit.

Q: What if my dependent doesn't have a SOFA stamp in their passport?

A: While it may be possible for dependents without a SOFA stamp to enter, we do not yet have definitive confirmation that they will be allowed to fly to and/or enter Germany. In such cases where the dependent does not have a SOFA stamp in his/her passport, we recommend the dependent carry copies of their parent's passport with a SOFA stamp and any other documentation (i.e. orders) that identifies them as a dependent.

Q: Can I enter Germany using just my official or diplomatic passport?

A: The U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt strongly discourages anyone who does not have permanent residency from attempting to travel to Germany at this time. However, anyone carrying an official or diplomatic passport who can provide proof of a compelling reason to enter Germany will be able to enter. Compelling reasons to enter include being posted in Germany, transiting Germany to go to a country where they are posted, medical treatment, assistance to an infirm or elderly family member, member of emergency services or healthcare worker, and delivery of goods. German authorities, however, strongly recommend only traveling if there is a truly compelling reason to return to Germany. If there are questions, please contact your local German consulate or the U.S. Embassy in Berlin before travelling.

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Dependent Travel to Italy

Q: What documentation is necessary for dependents to have before travelling to Italy?

A: All dependents must have a valid passport and fill out a declaration before boarding the plane. The information in the declaration includes:

- Reason for the trip
- Full address of home or residence in Italy of where the period of quarantine will be carried out
- Information on the vehicle that be used to reach the home or residence
- Telephone number (landline and mobile) from which to receive communication during the quarantine period

Q: What if I don't have all the information requested before boarding?

A: Airlines will verify the documentation and take the body temperature of each passenger before boarding. If the person has a fever or if the documentation is incomplete, he/she will not be able to board the aircraft. At the time of boarding, the airline will provide personal protective equipment (i.e. mask) to the passenger.

Q: Upon arrival to Italy, what steps do I need to take?

A: Dependents in Italy should report their arrival to their installation clinic, which then forwards the information to the USAG-Italy Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and then to the Italian health authorities. Travelers will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period at the address they indicated upon boarding the aircraft. If they start having COVID-19 like symptoms, they must notify their installation clinic by telephone in a timely manner.

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Dependent Travel to the Netherlands

Q: What documentation is necessary for dependents to have before travelling to the Netherlands?

A: When assigned in the Netherlands, dependents are issued temporary Dutch resident permits. Accordingly, if dependents travel to the US, they can re-enter the Netherlands again by showing their Dutch resident permit. Dependents should always carry this permit and it is also advised they carry a copy of their sponsor's official travel orders listing the dependent by name.

Q: What other steps can I take to enter the Netherlands as a dependent under the current COVID-19 outbreak?

A: Under normal circumstances it will not be a problem for the dependents to enter the Netherlands. However, because of the current entry-ban, it is highly recommended that dependents inform the Dutch Border Office directly prior to entry. This is possible by sending an email to the Main Entry Post at Schiphol (Hoofd Doorlaatpost Schiphol) at the following addresses:

Grenskantoor.Schiphol@ind.nl

Hoofd.Doorlaatpost.GB@mindef.nl

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Dependent Travel to Belgium

Q: What documentation is necessary for dependents to have before travelling to Belgium?

A: When assigned in Belgium, dependents are issued what is known as a protocol identification card. Accordingly, if dependents travel to the US, they can re-enter Belgium again by showing their protocol ID. Dependents should always carry this permit and it is also advised they carry a copy of their sponsor's NATO travel orders listing the dependent by name.

For any dependents who do not have a protocol identification card; e.g., those who were already in college when their sponsor PCS'd to Belgium, it is advised that they carry a copy of their sponsor's NATO travel orders and a copy of their birth certificate or other official documents demonstrating their relationship to the sponsor.