

Have you tested positive for SARS-CoV-2?

Have you been informed that you have tested positive for infection with SARS-CoV-2? If so, this results in immediate consequences and obligations for you.

You can find more information here: <https://soziales.hessen.de/gesundheit/corona-hessen/selbst-und-haushaltsquarantaene>

Your obligations:

As of 22/07/2021

If you have a positive PCR test

- **Go home or to other suitable accommodation immediately and without detours** even you do not receive special instructions from your health authority.
- You must remain in isolation there for **14 days**, i.e. **remain there permanently**, avoid contact with other people including your own household as far as possible and may not receive any visitors. The 14-day period starts from the time the swab test is carried out (self-quarantine).
- You must **inform your responsible health authority** immediately. You can find contact details for your relevant health authority here: <http://tools.rki.de>.
- It is also best to inform your **contact persons** and your **employer** that you have received a positive test result.
- If you notice typical **symptoms** of a **SARS-CoV-2 infection** (fever, dry cough, loss of sense of smell and taste, etc.) within 14 days of receiving the test results, contact your responsible health authority immediately and telephone your doctor.
- All **other people** living in your **household** must isolate themselves **as well**. The only exceptions are urgent and urgent errands that cannot be postponed, in particular those covering daily needs. This household quarantine does not apply to people who have already tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 themselves in the last six months, or who have full vaccination protection and no symptoms of illness for COVID-19 (**household quarantine**). Household members showing symptoms of COVID-19 must be tested immediately for SARS-CoV-2 infection.

In case of a positive antigen test (professional or for self-testing)

- **Go home or to other suitable accommodation immediately** and **without detours** even you do not receive special instructions from your health authority.
- Have a free PCR test carried out immediately. You can find the relevant test centres at www.kvhessen.de/coronatests/.
- You must isolate yourself at least until you receive the result of this PCR test, i.e. **stay at home or in your accommodation at all times** (except for a direct journey to take the test), avoid contact with other people including your own household as far as possible, and may not receive any visitors. The 14-day period starts from the time the first swab test is carried out (**self-quarantine**).
- Failure to comply with the quarantine obligation can result in a **fine of up to € 25,000**. Criminal prosecution is also possible.

Your rights:

- If you are an employee or self-employed you can claim **compensation for loss of earnings**. This requires appropriate verification of the (positive) test result, i.e. certification from an official testing centre. After a positive test result from self-testing, you need the (positive or negative) result of a PCR test performed subsequently for this. In the case of employees, the compensation is paid by the employer to the amount of your net earnings. Your employer will be reimbursed in accordance with § 56 IfSG. Self-employed persons receive a direct payment. Appropriate applications must be submitted at ifsg-online.de.
- You are **entitled to a free PCR test** after a positive antigen test. You can find the relevant test sites at www.kvhessen.de/coronatests/. If the PCR test carried out after an antigen test is negative you are automatically released from quarantine on receipt of the test result.
- After a positive PCR test, you are entitled to a variant-specific PCR test if there is reasonable ground to suspect the presence of a specific viral variant.

Only the wording of the ordinance officially published in German in the State of Hesse Law and Ordinance Gazette is legally authoritative.

The full legal text of the Ordinance for the Protection of the Population against Infections with the Coronavirus SARS-CoV 2 (Coronavirus Protection Ordinance CoSchuV) of

June 22, 2021, as amended, as well as accompanying ordinances can be found at:
<https://www.hessen.de/fuer-buerger/corona-hessen/verordnungen-und-allgemeinverfuegungen>.