On 16 March, the Lithuanian government announced nationwide quarantine (level 3 of the national plan). This quarantine has now been extended until 27 April.

Restrictions at the borders of Poland and Latvia have been reintroduced. With effect from 14 March, foreign nationals are not permitted to enter the country by any means of transport. Exceptions are in place for persons residing in the Republic of Lithuania, and persons working for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle.

Persons returning or arriving from foreign countries are required to isolate for 14 days. Please note that this does not apply to crew or crew members working for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, or to any foreign citizens transiting through the Republic of Lithuania with a mandatory escort (convoy) to the state of their residence, and who do not have symptoms of COVID-19.

For crew or crew members who either work for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport, or who perform international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, isolation is mandatory from the day of arrival in the Republic of Lithuania until the day of departure from its territory, but not exceeding 14 days. The National Public Health Center under the Ministry of Health organise screening at border crossings for symptoms of COVID-19 when returning or arriving from abroad.

Foreign carriers with cargo vehicles transiting through Lithuania are permitted. However, crew or crew members performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle must travel through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania without stopping unnecessarily.
Upon detection of any COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) symptoms at the border of Lithuania, crew or crew members engaged in international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, transiting through the territory of Lithuania, will not be allowed to enter the country unless they are citizens or legal residents of Lithuania.

The number of border crossing points accessible for entry into Lithuania have been reduced to the following:


The entry of persons and/or their passenger cars into the territory of the Republic of Lithuania is allowed only through the following international state border crossing points: Kalvarija–Budziskas and Saločiai–Grenstalė. In exceptional cases, after obtaining the permission of the Head of the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, or a person authorised by him, persons and/or their passenger cars may enter the Republic of Lithuania through other international border crossing points.

Border crossing for commercial and/or international freight transport is additionally carried out through the Stasylai–Benekainiai railway border crossing point and the Pagėgiai–Sovetsk railway border crossing point, and the facilitated transit of persons from the territory of the Russian Federation to the Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation, and back to the territory of the Russian Federation, shall additionally pass through the Kena Railroad Border Inspection Post and the Kybartai Railway Border Inspection Post.

It is prohibited to transport passengers and/or transport their passenger cars by passenger ships (ferries) to the Republic of Lithuania, with the exception of the ferry along the Kiel–Klaipėda–Kiel route. In exceptional cases, on the proposal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the decision on the permit will be made by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. Passenger flights to and from Lithuanian airports are also prohibited unless authorised by the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration, subject to approval from the ministries for transport and foreign
affairs.

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