Restrictions

The State of Emergency ended in Latvia on June 9. However, borders are only open to residents of Latvia, other EU Member States, countries in the European Economic Area and Switzerland, that hold proper residency documentation. The Government of Latvia is monitoring the rates of COVID19 in these countries and passenger from countries with more than 15 cases per 100,000 inhabitants will be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival.

Borders with Russia and Belarus remain closed for all international passenger travel.

International passenger transport between the Baltic States is authorised from 15 May. The government decided to authorise the resumption of international passenger transport by air, sea, bus and rail from and to Lithuania and Estonia.

Latvian nationals and permanent residents, as well as foreigners who have not visited other countries in the last 14 days, except Lithuania or Estonia, as well as Lithuanian and Estonian nationals who cross Latvia in transit, do not have to spend 14 days in self-isolation. Persons who transit through Latvia do not have to spend 14 days in self-isolation either.

The carriage of goods is allowed. However, from 18 March 2020, people entering Latvia will have to fill out the following application forms and submit them to the State Border Service:

- Form for Latvian citizens, and persons permanently residing in Latvia (holders of permanent/temporary residence permits and long-term "D" visas, provided they were issued in the Republic of Latvia). The form is available in Latvian, Russian and English.
• Form for Lithuanian and Estonian citizens and residents (holders of permanent/temporary residence permits and long-term "D" visas, provided they were issued in Lithuania or Estonia), returning to Lithuania or Estonia.

• By signing the form, the person “undertakes not to visit publicly available spaces”. Parkings and refuelling station are not concerned by these measures. The form is available in Russian and English.

• Form for all freight carriers (including foreigners transiting through Latvia), by which the person “undertakes not to visit publicly available spaces”. Parkings and refuelling station are not concerned by these measures. The form is available in Latvian, Russian and English.

On 23 April, Latvian Customs authorities informed that drivers must use self-protection equipment (masks and gloves) upon entering or leaving the country. The obligation enters into force immediately.

More detailed information can be found on the official website here.

As of 9 June, face masks are mandatory on public transport. International passenger transport operations cannot be performed to countries listed by the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. The transport of workers that is specifically carried out so that they can fulfil their work duties is exempted from this provision.

From 10 June, movements of people to and from countries at risk is banned; road transport workers are exempt from this provision, as well as from quarantine requirements upon entry into Latvia.

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