

# Regulations relating to quarantine etc. upon arrival in Norway

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## **Section 1. Duty of quarantine**

Persons arriving in Norway shall undergo quarantine for 14 days after arrival in Norway.

A person in quarantine is to stay in his or her own home or other suitable place of accommodation. The person may only leave the home or place of accommodation if close contact with other persons is avoided. "Close contact" in this context refers to contact in closer proximity than two metres from other persons for more than 15 minutes, or direct physical contact. The third sentence does not apply to health personnel using proper protective equipment.

0 Amended by Regulations 15 March 2020 No. 295 (entry into force 17 March 2020).

## **Section 2. Exemption from duty of quarantine**

Persons who travel in connection with work between home and their place of work, and in so doing cross the borders between Norway, Sweden and Finland, are exempt from section 1 when travelling to and from work.

Persons who are essential to maintain the proper operation of critical public functions and attend to fundamental needs of the population, including persons who perform goods and passenger transport functions, are exempted from section 1. Use of this exemption must be clarified with the entity's management.

Persons included under the exemption mentioned in the first and second paragraphs shall, to the degree possible, avoid close contact with other persons.

0 Amended by Regulations 15 March 2020 No. 295 (entry into force 17 March 2020).

### **Section 2a. Exemption from duty of quarantine in connection with departure from Norway**

Persons who are subject to the duty of quarantine pursuant to section 1 may leave the place of quarantine for onwards departure from Norway if transport from the place of quarantine to the place of departure can be implemented in a secure manner in compliance with infection control guidelines issued by the Directorate of Health. A person may not leave the place of quarantine if he or she is in isolation or is to be isolated pursuant to section 3.

0 Added by Regulations 16 March 2020 No. 311

### **Section 3. Isolation**

Persons in quarantine who develop fever or respiratory symptoms such as coughing or shortness of breath shall remain in isolation.

Persons who have symptoms as mentioned in the first paragraph upon arrival in Norway shall immediately be isolated in a place designated by the municipal medical officer. Persons with symptoms may not use public transport to reach the place designated for isolation.

“Isolation” in this context refers to a person staying in his or her own home or at another suitable place of accommodation. The person shall be isolated from other persons and, to the degree possible, shall not have close contact with persons in the same household.

Persons covered by the first and second paragraphs shall remain in isolation from the time symptoms first appear until 7 days after all symptoms are gone.

0 Amended by Regulations 15 March 2020 No. 295 (entry into force 17 March 2020).

### **Section 4. Svalbard and Jan Mayen**

The Regulations also apply to Svalbard and Jan Mayen.

Persons who are subject to the duty of quarantine pursuant to section 1 shall, upon arrival in Norway, not travel to Svalbard until after the quarantine period has ended.

The Governor of Svalbard may take decisions on the use of the exemption cited in section 2 in Svalbard, taking local conditions into consideration.

Persons who are in Svalbard without being resident there, and who are subject to the duty of quarantine pursuant to section 1, first paragraph, may leave Svalbard without restriction by the provisions of section 1, second paragraph. Nor does the duty of quarantine restrict onwards departure from Norway. Close contact with other persons shall be avoided to the degree possible.

Departure from quarantine in Svalbard is in line with the decision of the Governor of Svalbard, after consultation with the University Hospital North Norway HF–Longyearbyen hospital. The Governor of Svalbard may, by administrative decision, order that persons mentioned in the fourth paragraph have a duty to leave Svalbard. Chapters IV to VII of the Public Administration Act are not applicable.

0 Amended by Regulations 15 March 2020 No. 295

### ***Section 5. Amendments to the Regulations***

The Ministry may issue regulations amending the Regulations.

### ***Section 6 Penalty***

Intentional or grossly negligent violation of the provisions of these Regulations is punishable by a fine or imprisonment for up to 6 months; see section 8-1 of the Act relating to control of communicable diseases.

0 Added by Regulations 15 March 2020 No. 295 (entry into force 17 March 2020).

### ***Section 7. Entry into force***

These Regulations enter into force immediately. At the same time, the Regulations of 12 March 2020 No. 271 on decisions pursuant to the Act relating to control of communicable diseases, section 4-1, second paragraph, on quarantine (isolation) after travelling outside the Nordic region are repealed.

The Regulations apply to persons who have arrived in Norway after 27 February 2020. For persons arriving in Norway from Sweden or Finland, implementation of these Regulations will begin on 17 March 2020.

0 Amended by Regulations 15 March 2020 No. 295 (entry into force 17 March 2020, previously section 6).