



Current situation in Hungary, September 17

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Country-Specific information

- Hungary has 14,460 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within its borders. Number of deceased: 654
(16 September 2020 datas)
- For official up-to-date information about COVID-19 related restrictions and regulations, please visit: <https://koronavirus.gov.hu/>.
- English language information is available at <http://abouthungary.hu/news-in-brief/coronavirus-heres-the-latest/>
- General rule is that physical distancing of one and a half meters is to be kept, and face masks – or mask-like substitutes (scarves, shawls, etc.) – are mandatory when shopping, on public transport and in taxis.
- Public areas, parks, shops, shopping malls, and markets are open.
- Restaurants, cafés, bars, and hotels are open, but employees are expected to wear face masks.
- Cultural institutions, such as libraries, museums, zoos, cinemas, and theaters are open.
- Universities may be open provided that physical distancing is observed, but the rector has the ultimate right to decide. Visiting student residences is still prohibited.
- Open-air cultural and sporting events (e.g. open-air theater, cinema, circus, exhibition, literary event) can be attended in accordance with epidemiological rules. Spectators may occupy only one in four seats, shall not sit directly behind each other and shall have a safety distance of at least 1.5 meters between them. An outdoor event is a program that takes place for the entire duration outside a walled, covered building on all sides, or during which spectators are protected by a tent (such as a circus tent) due to the weather, or those that are enclosed by a wall built for the event or take place in an uncovered or partially covered facility (e.g. stadium, swimming pool, outdoor stage, outdoor cinema).
- Mass events of more than 500 people are banned. Worship services can be held, and civil marriages and funerals can also be held at a protective distance. Family events and weddings of less than 200 people can be held.
- **Budapest's Liszt Ferenc airport is open.**
Covid-19 information for passengers is available at https://www.bud.hu/en/covid_19. For departing passengers with cancelled flights, travelers should check carrier schedules for the latest updates and work directly with the carrier or travel agent to arrange or reschedule travel.

Budapest Airport Information

International commercial flight options currently exist in Hungary.

Websites

[English – COVID-related information](#)

Social Media

[Twitter](#) (in English)

[Airlines](#) – listing of all airlines with contact information and links to their websites and social media sites

For the latest information regarding flights departing Budapest, please visit the airport's [website](#) which is updated continuously.



Entering Hungary

- **Are Turkish citizens permitted to enter?**
Yes, under certain circumstances.
- **Is a negative COVID-19 test (PCR and/or serology) required for entry?**
Yes.
- **Are health screening procedures in place at airports and other ports of entry?**
Yes.

- **As of July 15, 2020**, the Government of Hungary introduces entry restrictions. Countries are classified into “red”, “yellow” and “green” categories, based on the severity of the COVID situation in each.
- **Hungarian citizens and their relatives** can enter Hungary from a “green” country without a health check. A Hungarian citizen coming from a “yellow” or “red” country will be subjected to health checks at the border and must be quarantined for 14 days. An exception to this is if they can credibly show two negative coronavirus tests 48 hours apart in the previous 5 days. A Hungarian citizen coming from a “yellow” country may be released from quarantine after the first negative coronavirus test, but if coming from a “red” country, two negative tests are required.
- **In the case of non-Hungarian citizens**, those coming from a “yellow” country can enter under the same conditions as Hungarian citizens, but it is not possible to enter Hungary from a “red” country.
- **Categories and countries (as of August 31, 2020):**
 - ✓ **“Red” Countries:** All foreign countries are red.
 - ✓ **“Yellow” Countries:** Currently, no countries are yellow.
 - ✓ **“Green” Countries:** Hungary is the only green country.
- Hungarians returning from abroad – or those family members who live abroad – may be subject to mandatory health examinations, and if it is proven that they are infected, they must go into quarantine at home or in the hospital. Hungarians returning to Hungary will have to enter a 14-day quarantine, no matter which country they are coming from. Hungarians can leave quarantine only after two negative COVID-19 test results. Separate rules apply to those who cross the border for work on a daily basis. Exemptions will be granted to Hungarians and citizens of neighboring states, defined by the foreign minister, who live within 30 kilometers of the state border. Such persons living on either side of the border may enter or leave Hungarian territory for up to 24 hours but may not leave the 30-kilometer strip.
- Foreigners without a residence permit will be banned from entering Hungary, effective September 1. Travel for business purposes and military convoys are possible, and there will be a humanitarian corridor.
- Others allowed into Hungary are:
 - ✓ athletes or sports professionals with work in Hungary,
 - ✓ those on official visits,
 - ✓ freight forwarders,
 - ✓ those who can verify that they have had the coronavirus in the past six months,
 - ✓ those whose presence is necessary for official proceedings ongoing in Hungary,
 - ✓ those who are pursuing business activities, students in Hungary,
 - ✓ those who are invited to a family event, such as weddings, funerals or baptisms,
 - ✓ those taking part in sports, cultural or church events,
 - ✓ those who must care for a relative at home.
 - ✓ Those who have other reasons for entering Hungary must submit a request in English or via a lawyer.



- See details in English (as of August 31, 2020):
<http://abouthungary.hu/news-in-brief/coronavirus-heres-the-latest/>

Movement Restrictions

- **Is a curfew in place?**
No.
- **Are there restrictions on intercity or interstate travel?**
No.

Quarantine Information

- **Are Turkish citizens required to quarantine?**
Yes.
A 14-day quarantine is currently required for all international arrivals from “red” or “yellow” countries. Please see “Entering Hungary” above for additional information.

COVID-19 Testing

The following providers can be contacted regarding COVID-19 tests (cost varies based on facility, but approximately \$100-\$150 USD):

- *First Med Center*: Prices and detailed descriptions in this link:
<https://firstmedcenters.com/cov19test/>.
Address: 1015 Budapest, Hattyú utca 14, 5th floor, Hattyúház. Phone: +36-1-224-9090
- *Rozsakert Medical Center*: Phone: +36 1 392 0505; Email: info@rmc.hu; Address: 1026 Budapest, Gábor Áron street 74-78.
- *SYNLAB*:
 - ✓ Budapest, Centrum-Lab Mammút Shopping mall, 4th floor; Sample taking every day (Mon-Fri, from 12:00), Appointments by phone +36 1 5 888 500
 - ✓ Budapest 2. kerület, Budagyöngye Magánvérvételi Hely; Sampling: Monday, Tuesday, Wed 11.00 – 12.00; Appointment must be requested by phone: +36 70 285 4542
 - ✓ Budapest 13. kerület, Váci Corner Magánvérvételi Hely; Hours: Mon-Fri 12.00 – 14.00. Appointment by phone +36 1 5 888 500; Sampling in the order of arrival, in the lab container located in the parking lot.
 - ✓ Ó street Budapest 6th district, Address: 1066 Budapest, Ó utca 44; Hours: Mon-Fri 12.00 – 15.00. Appointment by phone +36 1 5 888 500
- *Affidea Magyarország KFT.*: Váci Greens Egészségközpont, 1138 Budapest, Fövény u. 4-6; Hours: 8:00-10:00; Appointment by phone: +36-1 8036464

Transportation Information

- **Are commercial flights operating?**
Yes.
- **Is public transportation operating?**
Yes. Masks are required on all public transport.

Fines for Non-Compliance

Hungarian authorities can impose civil violation fines for non-compliance with current rules regarding quarantines and mask-wearing requirements, such as on public transportation.