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EIAC 2022 COVID INSTRUCTIONS FOR ARCHERS ARRIVING TO EIAC 2022, SEINÄJOKI

Dear participants of EIAC 2022.

Even though the regulations concerning Covid-19 no longer prevent people from arriving in or travelling to Finland or restrict people meeting, eating in restaurants or participating in competitions (like EIAC 2022), there are aspects that everybody must follow.

“Please note that all persons arriving in Finland are still bound by the obligations stated in the Communicable Diseases Act. Make sure you read the guidelines of the Finnish institute for health and welfare on their web pages, regardless of which country or area you are travelling from:

Travel and the coronavirus pandemic -Infectious diseases and vaccinations (*[THL Link to an external website](#)*)”

Here we have collected the most important topics to be followed. More details you will find in the web-pages we have given below. We unfortunately cannot make comprehensive Covid-19 instructions because of the many country-level rules and exceptions. We recommend that you read this section thoroughly and read the links we have given. By doing so, your arrival and visit to Finland will be easy and enjoyable. It is also expected that you check everything well in advance of your departure.

From these pages and links, you will find at least:

- What is needed to arrive to Finland
- What certificates and documents you need
- What tests might be needed if you miss something
- Please note that there is a big difference between EU / Schengen countries and the other countries
- Please note that there might be little changes depending on the development of Covid. So, we ask you to follow the development weekly.
- Remember also that there are some recommendations, for example how and when to use masks, cleaning hands, keeping distance and such. We recommend that wherever it is possible you should act according to these recommendations.

An important principle is that everybody

- is responsible and follows the instructions and recommendations and take care of her/himself
- can trust that the others do the same

Important WEB- pages

1. Generic information from Finnish institute for health and welfare:

<https://thl.fi/en/web/thlfi-en>

The institute gives new information, recommendations, and instructions daily. The latest topics are:

[Updated recommendation on coronavirus testing and avoiding contacts](#)

[Information on the number of corona cases and tests, incidence and deaths](#)



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[Travel and the coronavirus pandemic](#)

[Who are third vaccine doses given to?](#)

2. The Finnish Border Guard

You should always check the latest information on the Finnish Border Guard's website about who can enter Finland and on what conditions, and which certificates you need to enter the country.

[Guidelines for border traffic \(Finnish Border Guard\)](#)

Guidelines for border traffic during pandemic is given by The Finnish Border Guard

<https://raja.fi/en/guidelines-for-border-traffic-during-pandemic#1internalborder>

<https://raja.fi/en/guidelines-for-border-traffic-during-pandemic>

1. The border crossing checking is different depending on whether you are coming from EU and Schengen countries or from other (European) countries (see below).
2. Please note that all persons arriving in Finland are still bound by the obligations stated in the Communicable Diseases Act (see below)

3. Entry into Finland from EU and Schengen countries

<https://raja.fi/en/guidelines-for-border-traffic-during-pandemic#1internalborder>

The Schengen countries include **Austria, Belgium, The Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.**

In addition, this section applies to the following countries: **Andorra, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Monaco, Romania, San Marino and the Vatican City State.**

There are no entry restrictions when arriving from these countries. Please note that all persons arriving in Finland are still bound by the obligations stated in the Communicable Diseases Act.

4. Entry into Finland from other countries (external border traffic)

This section applies to entry in Finland from all countries not previously listed above, such the **United Kingdom, the United States and Turkey.**

What are the requirements for entry?

Entry into Finland is allowed for passengers arriving from these countries if they meet the general entry requirements and the requirements listed below.

Person may be granted entry into Finland from any country if they present

1. a certificate of a complete and valid vaccination series ([Link to an external website](#)). At least 7 days must have passed since the last vaccine dose has been received OR



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2. a single certificate that the person has recovered from covid-19 virus and has gotten one dose of vaccine. It is equated to a complete covid-19 vaccination series. OR
3. EU digital COVID certificate (*Link to an external website*) that proves the person has recovered from covid-19 within 6 months.
4. All the above-mentioned requirements apply to persons born in 2006 or earlier.

The requirements above do not apply to Finnish citizens or permanent residents of Finland returning to Finland (e.g. persons who have registered the right of residence in Finland or with a residence permit granted by Finland). Neither does the requirement apply to those who enter the country for a purpose listed below. The essential reason for travelling is always evaluated case by case during border controls carried out by the Finnish Border Guard.

5. Travel and the coronavirus pandemic

Updated on the 15th February 2022.

When you arrive in Finland, both general entry requirements under government decisions and the requirements of the Communicable Diseases Act apply to you.

The entry requirements determine the conditions on which a traveller can enter the country. Finnish citizens always have the right to enter Finland. The Communicable Diseases Act specifies the health security measures a traveller must take after entry.

<https://thl.fi/en/web/infectious-diseases-and-vaccinations/what-s-new/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-updates/travel-and-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

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Entering Finland and border control

When you enter the country, the border control authority (the Finnish Border Guard, the police or Finnish Customs) carries out a border check, in which the authority decides if a traveller is allowed entry to Finland.

As part of the border control, the authority checks travel documents, including passports or personal identity documents. The authorities may also check health-related documents, including

- vaccination certificates
- recovery certificates, or



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- test certificates.

Entry requirements

Under the current instructions of the Finnish Border Guard, the following requirements apply to foreigners entering Finland from **outside of the EU and Schengen area**:

- a certificate of a full approved COVID-19 vaccination series, OR
- a certificate of having had the COVID-19 disease and one approved COVID-19 vaccine, OR
- an EU Digital COVID Certificate for a COVID-19 disease had less than six months ago.

These requirements apply to those born in or before 2006.

However, this requirement does not apply to

- citizens of Finland
- those with permanent residence in Finland or
- persons travelling for essential reasons.

For all other exceptions to and further details of this rule, visit the Finnish Border Guard's website.

You should always check the latest information on the Finnish Border Guard's website about who can enter Finland and on what conditions, and which certificates you need to enter the country.

[Guidelines for border traffic \(Finnish Border Guard\)](#)

Certificates

Having a COVID-19 certificate is the best way to make travel easy and effortless. If you have a certificate of a full vaccination series* or of having recovered from COVID-19, you do not need to get tested at the border.

COVID-19 certificates referred to in the Communicable Diseases Act for all persons born in 2006 or earlier:

- a **vaccination certificate**: a full series of vaccinations* (usually two doses), or
- a **recovery certificate** verifying recovery from the COVID-19 disease within the last 6 months, or
- a **test certificate** obtained in a test taken no earlier than 72 hours before entry and showing a negative result. Health officials at the point of entry will decide which types of COVID-19 tests taken before entry are accepted. THL recommends that PCR and antigen tests are accepted at entry.

a certificate of a full series of vaccinations is valid for 9 months. After this, a booster shot is required. After the booster shot, the certificate is valid until further notice.

Please note that these requirements are not the same as the entry requirements.

[Entry requirements](#)



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If you do not have a certificate, you can get a COVID-19 test instead.

- Consequently, if you **do not have any of the certificates listed above**, you must have a COVID-19 test at the point of entry. You also must have a second COVID-19 test within 3 to 5 days of arriving in Finland.
- If you only have **a test taken no more than 72 hours before entry**, you must also get a second COVID-19 test within 3 to 5 days of arriving in Finland.
- If you have a certificate of **a single vaccination**, you must also have a second COVID-19 test within 3 to 5 days of arriving in Finland.
COVID-19 test 3 to 5 days after arriving in Finland

Digital EU COVID-19 certificates make checking certificates easier. Residents of Finland can get an EU COVID-19 Certificate in My Kanta
[COVID-19 certificate \(My Kanta\)](#)

If you do not have an EU COVID Certificate, read more about reliable certificates under the heading Questions about Travel.

[Questions about Travel](#)

We recommend that all transport and shipping companies require one of the certificates listed in this section from all passengers arriving in Finland.

We recommend that all travellers arriving in the country take a home test if they were not tested at entry. However, a home test will not replace the tests referred to in the Communicable Diseases Act mentioned above.

[When is a home test recommended after travel?](#)

COVID-19 test at entry

The need for a COVID-19 test depends on the certificates that a traveller has. You do not need to get tested if you have one of the following certificates:

- **a certificate of a full series of coronavirus vaccinations. At least 7 days have passed since you had the most recent dose, OR**
[See the list of accepted vaccine products](#)
- **a certificate of having had the COVID-19 disease within 6 months, confirmed by a laboratory test, OR**
- **a certificate of having had the COVID-19 disease and one dose of the coronavirus vaccine. This will be equalled to a full vaccination series, in other words two doses.**
[Accepted COVID-19 vaccine series referred to in section 16g of the Communicable Diseases Act \(Ministry of Social Affairs and Health\)](#)

If you **do not have any of the certificates listed above**, you must have a COVID-19 test at the point of entry. You also must have a second COVID-19 test within 3 to 5 days of arriving in Finland.