

Fifth State Ordinance
amending the Third Corona Control Ordinance
Rhineland-Palatinate **of 09 April 2020**

On the basis of § 32 Clause 1 in conjunction with § 28 Para. 1 Clauses 1 and 2 of the Infection Protection Act of 20 July 2000 (BGBl. I p. 1045), last amended by Article 3 of the Act of 27 March 2020 (BGBl. I p. 587), in conjunction with § 1 No. 1 of the State Ordinance on the Implementation of the Protection against Infection Act of 10 March 2010 (GVBl.

p. 55), last amended by § 7 of the Act of 15 October 2012 (GVBl. p. 341), BS 2126-10, the following is decreed:

Article 1

The third Corona Control Ordinance Rhineland Palatinate of 23 March 2020 (GVBl. p. 79), last amended by the Ordinance of 07 April 2020 (GVBl. p. 105), is amended as follows:

1. § Para. 6(4) is amended as follows:

"(4) Persons who are already infected or who live in the same household as infected persons shall not receive emergency care in accordance with Paragraph 1. The same shall apply to persons who entered the country pursuant to § 10 Para. 1 Clause 1 or Clause 2 as long as there is an obligation to isolate; the exceptions in § 10 a are not applicable."

2. § 7 Para. 4 No. 4 is amended as follows:

"4. have entered the country in accordance with § 10 Para. 1 Clause 1 or Clause 2; the exceptions in § 10 a do not apply."

3. Part 5 is renamed as follows:

"Part 5
Quarantine measures for incoming and outgoing travellers"

4. § 10 is amended as follows:

"§ 10

(1) Persons who enter Rhineland-Palatinate by land, sea or air from a country outside the Federal Republic of Germany are obliged to go directly to their own home or other suitable accommodation immediately after entry and to isolate themselves there continuously for a period of 14 days after entry. Sentence 1 also applies to persons who have first entered the country in another federal state. The persons mentioned in Clauses 1 and 2 are not permitted to receive visits from persons who do not belong to their household during the period stated in Clause 1.

(2) Persons who have entered in accordance with Paragraph 1 Clause 1 or Clause 2 are obliged to contact their responsible authority immediately after entry and to inform it of the existence of the obligations under Paragraph 1. Furthermore, they are obliged to inform the responsible authority immediately if symptoms of the disease appear.

(3) During the period of isolation the persons referred to in Paragraph 1 Clauses 1 and 2 shall be subject to observation by the responsible authority.

5. The following new § 10a is inserted after § 10:

"§ 10 a

- (1) Clauses 1 and 2 of § 10 Para. 1 do not cover persons who,
1. transport persons, goods and merchandise across borders by road, rail, sea or air for professional reasons,
 2. whose activities for maintaining
 - a) functioning of the health care system,
 - b) public safety and order,
 - c) cultivation of diplomatic and consular relations,
 - d) functioning of the judicial system,

- e) functioning of popular representation, government and administration at federal, state and local level,
- f) functioning of the institutions of the European Union and international organisations

is absolutely necessary; the absolute necessity must be checked and certified by the employer,

3. who have spent time outside the Federal Republic of Germany in their capacity as employees of air, ship, rail or bus transport companies or as crew of aircraft, ships, trains and buses,
4. who enter the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany on a daily basis or for up to five days as absolutely necessary and not postponable for professional or medical reasons, or
5. who have stayed outside the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany for less than 72 hours or who have another valid reason for travelling; this includes in particular social aspects such as shared custody, visiting a partner who does not live in their own household, urgent medical treatment, assistance or care of persons in need of protection, as well as reasons related to training or studies.

Moreover, the responsible authority may, in justified individual cases, grant further exemptions on request.

(2) § 10 does not apply to persons who enter the Federal territory for the purpose of taking up work for at least three weeks (seasonal workers), if group-related company hygiene measures and precautions to avoid contact outside the working group which are comparable to segregation pursuant to § 10 Para. 1 Clause 1 are taken at the place of their accommodation and their work during the first 14 days after their entry, and leaving the accommodation is only permitted in order to carry out their work. The employer shall report commencement of work to the responsible authority before it begins and shall document the measures taken in accordance with Clause 1. The responsible authority shall verify compliance with the requirements pursuant to Clause 1.

(3) § Section 10 does not apply to members of the armed forces or police officers returning from deployment or from similar obligations abroad.

§ 10 also does not apply to members of foreign armed forces if they are stationed within the area of application of this Ordinance.

(4) Furthermore, § 10 does not apply to persons who enter the area of application of this Ordinance only for transit; these persons must leave the area of application of this Ordinance directly. Necessary transit journeys through the area covered by this Ordinance are hereby permitted.

(5) Paragraphs 1 to 4 apply only insofar as the persons named therein do not exhibit any symptoms that indicate a COVID-19 infection within the meaning of the current criteria issued by the Robert Koch Institute.

6. § 12 Clause 1 is amended as follows:

a) Items 33 to 35 are replaced by the following:

"33. contrary to § 10, Para. 1, Clause 1 or Clause 2, do not travel directly to their own home or other suitable accommodation,

34. do not isolate themselves contrary to § 10 Para. 1 Clause 1 or Clause 2,

35. receive visits from persons who do not belong to their own household contrary to § 10, Para. 1, Clause 3,".

b) The following items 36 to 39 are added:

"36. contrary to § 10 Para. 2 Clauses 1 and 2, fails to contact or inform the responsible authority or fails to do so promptly,

37. issues an incorrect certificate contrary to § 10 a Para. 1 No. 2 Subclause 2,

38. fails to notify the responsible authority of commencement of work contrary to § 10 a Para. 2 Clause 2 or

39. does not leave the area of application of this Ordinance directly, contrary to § 10 a Para. 4 Clause 1, Subclause 2".

Article 2

This Ordinance shall enter into force on 10 April 2020.

Mainz, 09 April 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Müller', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name of the Minister.

The Minister
for Social Affairs, Labour, Health and Demography