

Update 89: Germany - Eases COVID-19 Emergency Brake Regulation for Workplace; Tightens Entry Rules for Travelers

- Germany announced to ease COVID-19 Emergency Brake Regulation for the workplace, which was first imposed in April 2021
- The rule was implemented to contain the spread of COVID-19
- Earlier, on June 25, 2021, the German government issued a new occupational health and safety regulation that which is effective from July 1, 2021
- This regulation will remain in place until the German government lifts the current designation, "Epidemic Situation of National Significance," or at the latest by September 10, 2021
- However, due to a sharp drop in COVID-19 infection rates in Germany and progress in vaccination campaigns, the federal government has eased these restrictive measures
- Following rules will remain in effect under new measures:
 1. Companies must create, implement, and make available the hygiene plans for employees as the obligation to provide work from home had expired on June 30, 2021
 2. Employers must provide and require employees to wear medical face masks
 3. The mask obligation also applies to fully vaccinated employees and to employees who have recovered from COVID-19
 4. Employers may consider continuing, to hold meetings virtually to comply with the obligations
 5. The German government retained the employer's obligation to offer COVID-19 testing twice weekly to employees working on the company premises
 6. Employers are required to retain all evidence of the procurement of rapid antigen tests or agreements with third parties for the testing of employees for COVID-19 until September 10, 2021
 7. Individual states may continue to enact state-specific pandemic response measures
 8. In Bremen, Hamburg, Berlin, fully vaccinated or recovered employees are exempted from the testing obligation
 9. Employers can utilize suitable technical devices that reduce droplets spread through coughing, sneezing, or speaking with equal effectiveness
 10. The current COVID-19 regulations of Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, Berlin, Brandenburg, Hesse and North Rhine-Westphalia, do not contain any provisions that deviate from the federal law
- Germany has tightened entry requirements for travelers, due to increase in COVID-19 cases in European countries
- Germany has also reclassified the Netherlands, as high-risk country, due to country's high COVID-19 infection rate
- All travelers will be required to present proof of vaccination, recent recovery, or a recent negative COVID-19 test via the CoronaCheck app upon entry to the country
- Travelers if tested positive, will be required to quarantine for the full 10 days
- COVID-19 cases have been rising across Europe, since early July 2021, mainly due to the spread of the Delta variant
- Reported COVID-19 stats for Germany:
 1. Confirmed Cases: 3,766,482
 2. Deaths: 92,078 (44%)

Targets Affected:

Germany

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

3. Recoveries: 3,649,100 (96.88%)
 4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 89,737,095
 5. Fully Vaccinated: 41,342,865 (49.7%)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

Source(s)

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Update 88: Germany - Plans to Impose COVID-19 Restrictions for Unvaccinated Residents

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Update 87: Germany - Tightens COVID-19 Restrictions for Unvaccinated Travelers from Spain and Netherlands Effective July 27, 2021

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Update 85: Germany - Adds Six Countries to High COVID-19 Risk Areas Amid Surge in Cases; Health Experts Warns over Fourth Wave of COVID-19 Infection

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Update 83: Germany - Declares Spain as Risk Zone Due to the Surge of COVID-19 Cases

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Update 81: Germany - Eases Travel Restrictions for Low Risk Areas Amid Decrease in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 80: Germany - Plans to Restrict Travelers from United Kingdom Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 79: Germany - Imposes Travel Restrictions on Russia and Portugal Starting June 29, 2021 Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 75: Germany - Plans to Lift COVID-19 Travel Warning for Most Countries Starting July 1, 2021

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Update 74: Germany - Removes Few Countries from COVID-19 High-Risk List

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Update 73: Berlin, Germany - Eases Restrictions Amid Decrease in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 71: Germany - Eases Restrictions Amid Decrease in COVID-19 Cases; Imposes Travel Restrictions with United Kingdom Starting May 23, 2021

May 15, 2021

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Update 70: Germany - Government Adds United Kingdom to COVID-19 High-Risk List Amid Variant Concern Starting May 16, 2021

May 5, 2021

Medium

Update 69: Germany - Plans to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions for Vaccinated People

May 2, 2021

Medium

Update 68: Germany - Protests Turn Violent, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Pandemic

May 1, 2021

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Update 67: Germany - Economy Contracts by 1.7% in Q1 2021 Amid COVID-19 Crisis

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Update 65: Germany - Plans to Impose Travel Restrictions on India Starting April 26, 2021, Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

April 25, 2021

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Update 66: Germany - Multiple Protests over Curfews, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Pandemic

April 24, 2021

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Update 64: Germany - Government Lists Five Countries as COVID-19 High Incidence Areas Amid Spike in Infections

April 22, 2021

Medium

Update 63: Berlin, Germany - Thousands Protest as Government Approves Amendment for Tougher COVID-19 Restrictions, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Pandemic

April 18, 2021

Low

Update 62: Stuttgart, Germany - Protest over COVID-19 Restrictions

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Update 61: Germany - Government Removes United Kingdom and Northern Ireland from COVID-19 High-Risk List Starting April 18, 2021

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Update 59: Germany - GDP Drops by US\$191 B Due to Restrictions Imposed on Travel and Tourism Sector

April 11, 2021

Medium

Update 60: Germany - Multiple Protests Witnessed over COVID-19 Restrictions, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Pandemic

April 4, 2021

Low

Update 58: Stuttgart, Germany - Thousands Protest over COVID-19 Restrictions

April 3, 2021

Medium

Update 57: Germany - Multiple Protest over COVID-19 Restrictions, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Pandemic

April 1, 2021

Medium

Update 56: Germany - Requires Compulsory Negative COVID-19 Test for All Incoming Air Travelers Until May 12, 2021

March 27, 2021

Medium

Update 55: Germany - Issues Travel Warning for Four European Countries Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

March 26, 2021

Medium

Update 54: Germany - Plans to Implement Negative COVID-19 Test Requirement for All Arriving Air Travelers Starting March 28, 2021

March 25, 2021

Medium

Update 53: Germany - Government Announces to Cancel Current COVID-19 Shutdown over Easter Holidays; Draws Criticism Due to Recent Spike in Infections

March 23, 2021

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Update 52: Germany - Plans to Extend Lockdown Until April 18, 2021 Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

March 21, 2021

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Update 51: Kassel, Germany - Anti-Lockdown Protest Turns Violent, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Pandemic

March 18, 2021

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Update 50: Germany - Extends Border Restrictions with Czech Republic and Austria Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

March 14, 2021

Low

Update 49: Germany - Protest Against COVID-19 Restrictions

March 12, 2021

Medium

Update 48: Germany - Reports 14,356 COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours Amid Concern over Third Wave of Infections

March 7, 2021

Low

Update 47: Germany - Hundreds Protest Against COVID-19 Restrictions

March 3, 2021

Medium

Update 46: Germany - Plans to Extend COVID-19 Lockdown Until March 28, 2021

Feb. 26, 2021

Medium

Update 45: Germany - Announces New Border Restrictions with France Starting March 1, 2021 to Contain Spread of COVID-19 Infection

Feb. 21, 2021

Low

Update 44: Germany - Hundreds Protest Against COVID-19 Lockdown

Feb. 19, 2021

Medium

Update 43: Germany - Plans to Extend Borders Closure with Czech Republic and Austria

Feb. 15, 2021

Medium

Update 42: Germany - Partly Closes Borders with Czech Republic and Austria to Curb COVID-19 Spread

Feb. 11, 2021

Medium

Update 41: Germany - Plans to Extend Lockdown Until March 7, 2021 Amid Fear Over COVID-19 Variants

Jan. 29, 2021

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Update 40: Germany - Plans to Ban Flight Services from Countries with Infectious COVID-19 Variant

Jan. 25, 2021

Medium

Update 39: Germany - Requires Negative COVID-19 Test from Travelers Arriving from Twenty High Risk Countries

Jan. 23, 2021

High

Update 38: Germany - Reports First Case of New COVID-19 Brazilian Variant

Jan. 21, 2021

High

Update 37: Germany - Reports New COVID-19 Variant

Jan. 19, 2021

Medium

Update 36: Germany - Plans to Extend Lockdown Until Mid-February 2021 Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Jan. 15, 2021

Medium

Update 35: Germany - Economy Contracts by 5% in 2020 Amid COVID-19 Crisis; Records Highest Daily COVID-19 Deaths Since the Start of Pandemic

Jan. 13, 2021

Medium

Update 34: Germany - Imposes Stricter COVID-19 Measures Nationwide Till January 31, 2021

Jan. 9, 2021

Medium

Update 33: Germany - Plans to Ban Flight Services with Ireland Amid Concerns Over Infectious COVID-19 Strain

Jan. 7, 2021

Medium

Update 32: Germany - Extends Ban on Flight Services from United Kingdom Until January 20, 2021

Jan. 5, 2021

Medium

Update 31: Germany - Government Plans to Extend Hard Lockdown Until January 31, 2021 to Curb the Spread of Infections

Dec. 24, 2020

Medium

Update 30: Germany - Extends Ban on Flights from United Kingdom Until January 06, 2021 Amid Infectious COVID-19 Strain

Dec. 20, 2020

Medium

Update 29: Germany - Plans to Ban Flights from United Kingdom and South Africa Amid Concern Over More Infectious COVID-19 Strain

Dec. 17, 2020

Medium

Update 28: Germany - Records Highest COVID-19 Deaths in Last 24 Hours

Dec. 13, 2020

Medium

Update 27: Germany - Plans to Tighten Lockdown Restrictions Starting December 16, 2020 Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Dec. 12, 2020

Medium

Update 26: Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany - Imposes Tougher Restrictions Starting December 12, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Dec. 7, 2020

Medium

Update 24: Bavaria, Germany - Plans to Impose Tougher Lockdown Measures Starting December 9, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Dec. 7, 2020

Low

Update 25: Dusseldorf, Germany - Hundreds Protest Against COVID-19 Restrictions

Dec. 3, 2020

Medium

Update 23: Germany - Plans to Extend COVID-19 Restrictions Until January 10, 2021 Despite Fall in Daily COVID-19 Cases

Nov. 29, 2020

Low

Update 22: Frankfurt Oder, Germany - Thousands Protest Against COVID-19 Restrictions

Nov. 28, 2020

Medium

Update 21: Germany - Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Surpass One Million with 16,172 Related Deaths

Nov. 24, 2020

Medium

Update 20: Germany - Plans to Extend Lockdown Until December 2020, Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Nov. 8, 2020

Low

Update 19: Leipzig, Germany - Thousands Protest Against COVID-19 Restrictions

Oct. 31, 2020

High

Update 18: Germany - Imposes Entry Restrictions on Few Countries Effective November 1, 2020, Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Oct. 31, 2020

Medium

Update 19: Germany - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 19,059 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 518,753

Oct. 29, 2020

High

Update 17: Germany - Plans to Impose Nationwide Lockdown Starting November 2, 2020 for Two Weeks Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Oct. 23, 2020

High

Update 16: Germany - Issues Travel Warning to Few Countries Starting October 24, 2020 Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases in Europe

Oct. 11, 2020

High

Update 15: Germany - Tightens and Imposes New COVID-19 Restrictions Until October 31, 2020, Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Oct. 2, 2020

Medium

Update 14: Germany - Adds More EU Countries and Regions as High COVID-19 Risk Areas

Sept. 25, 2020

Medium

Update 13: Germany - Declares Regions in 11 European Countries as High COVID-19 Risk Areas

Sept. 10, 2020

Medium

Update 12: Germany - Government to Issue Country-Specific Travel Warning Starting October 1, 2020

Aug. 28, 2020

High

Update 11: Germany - Imposes Stricter Measures Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

Aug. 27, 2020

High

Update 10: Germany - Extends Travel Restrictions for Non-EU Countries Until September 14, 2020 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

Aug. 25, 2020

Medium

Update 9: Germany - Economy Contracts by 9.7% in Q2 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic; Plans to End Mandatory Tests for Risk Zone Arrivals

Aug. 9, 2020

High

Update 8: Germany - Imposes Restrictions on Travelers from European Union Countries Amid Spike in COVID-19 Cases

July 17, 2020

High

Update 7: Germany - Reimposes Lockdown with Tougher Measures to Contain Local Outbreaks Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

July 2, 2020

Medium

Update 6: Germany - Lifts Entry Ban for Travellers of 11 Non-EU Countries Starting July 2, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

July 1, 2020

Medium

Update 5: Germany - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown in Gutersloh; Eases Restrictions in Warendorf

June 24, 2020

Medium

Update 4: Germany - Reimposes Lockdown in Guetersloh and Warendorf Districts After COVID-19 Outbreak

June 12, 2020

Low

Update 1: Frankfurt, Germany - Protest Against Racial Discrimination and Police Violence

June 11, 2020

Medium

Update 3: Germany - Extends Travel Warning for 160 Non-European Countries Until August 31, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

June 5, 2020

Low

Update 2: Germany - Announces
Stimulus Package of ~US\$146 B to
Recover from COVID-19 Pandemic

June 3, 2020

Medium

Germany - Plans to Reopen European
Travel Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.