Coronavirus rules as of 01 October 2022

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Mandatory wearing of a face covering (medical mask or FFP2 mask)

» For staff (if there is physical contact with other people due to their work):
  » On local public transport,
  » In medical practices, dental practices and psychotherapeutic practices as well as practices of other human medical professions,
  » In facilities, vehicles and emergency service locations,
  » In institutions for the homeless,
  » In hospitals, nursing homes, dialysis facilities, integration support facilities and outpatient care services,
  » In public health service institutions that carry out medical examinations, preventive measures or outpatient treatment.

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» On long-distance public transport.

» For patients and visitors:
  » In hospitals and rehabilitation facilities where medical care comparable to hospitals is provided,
  » In full or partial inpatient facilities for the care and accommodation of elderly, disabled or persons in need of care and comparable facilities,
  » In medical practices, dental practices and psychotherapeutic practices and practices of other human medical professions,
  » Facilities for outpatient surgery,
  » Dialysis facilities,
  » Day clinics,
  » Public health service institutions that carry out medical examinations, preventive measures or outpatient treatment,
  » Emergency services
  » In other comparable outpatient or inpatient medical facilities.

Exceptions to the mask requirement:

» Children up to and including 5 years of age.
» If FFP2 masks are mandatory on long-distance public transport, children up to and including 13 years of age may also wear a medical mask.
» Persons who cannot wear a face covering for health reasons (medical certificate required).
» For deaf people and those who are hard of hearing and people who communicate with them, as well as their companions.
» Provided that at least equivalent protection is otherwise available for other persons.
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Testing obligation

» For visitors in hospitals as well as full and partial inpatient care facilities and comparable facilities (German Federal regulation, Sec. 28b (1) No. 3 IfSG).
» For employees in outpatient care services and at service providers providing comparable services during their employment (German Federal regulation, Sec. 28b (1) No. 4 IfSG).
» Integration support facilities, outpatient care services.
» In special education and counselling centres (SBBZ) with special needs mental development and physical and motor development, in school kindergartens with the corresponding special needs, in special education and counselling centres with other special needs.
» State initial reception facilities for the accommodation of asylum seekers and refugees, etc.
» In correctional institutions, etc.

Exceptions to the test obligation:

» Fire brigade, rescue service, police and disaster control forces in action.
» Visitors, accompanying persons or other persons in the context of an emergency, ambulance transport or end-of-life care.
» Persons who only enter the above-mentioned facilities for an insignificant period of time without contact with the persons treated, cared for or looked after in the facility, as well as for children up to the age of one.

Isolation & quarantine

» You can find a detailed FAQ on the subject at Baden-Württemberg.de.

Federal Ministry of Health: What nationwide measures apply from 1 October?

In general, we recommend:

Keep your distance
Observe hygiene rules
Wear medical or FFP2 mask
Use the coronavirus warning app
Ventilate regularly