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 Updated coronavirus regulation for quarantine on entry takes effect on December 23 / restriction of the 24-hour rule in border regions

Quarantine-free entry for tourist trips or to go shopping will no longer be possible in the future

From tomorrow, Wednesday, December 23, 2020, the new coronavirus regulations for quarantine on entry will apply in Baden-Württemberg. In recent weeks, the state government has responded to the exponential growth in the occurrence of infections with stepped-up measures in Baden-Württemberg. Due to the infection situation in Baden-Württemberg as well as in the border regions, there is currently a need to act in terms of the regulations on the coronavirus regulations for quarantine on entry.

Quarantine-free entry for a stay of up to 24 hours in Baden-Württemberg or after staying for up to 24 hours in a border region is only permitted if the entry or return journey is not mainly for tourism or for the purpose of shopping.

“In view of the extremely tense pandemic-related situation, border crossings must be reduced temporarily to a level that is absolutely essential,” said the Baden-Württemberg minister of health Manne

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Lucha in Stuttgart on Tuesday (December 22). “We appeal to people not to place undue strain on the existing regulations and to desist from all unnecessary contacts.”

According to the previous rules, there were no restrictions in relation to the 24-hour regulation. The 24-hour regulation remains in principle with regard to the space we share. There is still no obligation to quarantine if you cross the border specifically for occupational, educational, medical, nursing or family-related reasons. Even transnational relationships without a marriage certificate are not affected by the new regulations. No changes will be made to the existing 72-hour regulation either.

In the future, however, there will be an obligation to quarantine if your journey is for purposes of tourism or if you only go shopping. So, anyone from Baden-Württemberg who goes on a skiing trip to Switzerland, for example, or goes shopping in France, will generally have to spend 10 days in quarantine on his or her return. The same applies to residents of border regions who only travel to Baden-Württemberg to go shopping. Regardless of any trips you make, the restrictions on going out in Baden-Württemberg must be observed during the day and more strictly between 8pm and 5am.