

Subject: Entry restrictions relating to coronavirus COVID-19

Dear Swiss citizens,

Based on the new guidelines of the Israeli Ministry of Health, I would like to inform you about the following developments:

In order to prevent the virus from spreading, the Israeli authorities have introduced entry restrictions for travelers from affected countries, including Switzerland.

Non-Israeli nationals and non-resident travelers who have stayed in Switzerland, Germany, France, Austria, Italy and other affected countries in the last 14 days before their arrival are not allowed to enter Israel unless they can prove that they can be immediately quarantined in a private household.

Israeli citizens as well as persons residing in Israel who have stayed in one of the above-mentioned countries during the last 14 days before entering Israel are obliged to go into self-quarantine for 14 days after entry.

Further measures have also been ordered. For more information on entry restrictions and quarantine regulations, please refer to the [website of the Israeli Ministry of Health](#). The hotline of the Israeli Ministry of Health +972 (0)8-6241010 is available from 08:00-21:00 (Israel Standard Time) for questions regarding the new corona virus.

At the federal level, [the Federal Office of Public Health FOPH](#) informs the population about the new coronavirus.

The **FDFA's travel advice** provides travelers with basic information in order to prepare their trip; providing information about possible risks and certain precautionary measures. They are an addition to other sources of information: [Travel advice for Israel, focus on the new coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)

Please also consider the general recommendations of the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#).

For questions regarding **operation of flights and travel itineraries**, please contact the airline or tour operator concerned.

The [EDA Helpline](#) is also available **for urgent non-medical matters** (Tel. +41 800 24-7-365 / +41 58 465 33 33). However, the FDFA Helpline cannot answer specific questions about Israel's entry restrictions.

In case of any uncertainties, we are at your disposal during opening hours (+972 3 546 44 55 / telaviv@eda.admin.ch).

Kind regards,

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