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Country-Specific Entry Restrictions to Turkey

The entry regulations to Turkey gets updated frequently during the pandemic. It is very important for those KU international community members who are abroad and planning to travel to Turkey to check the country-specific restrictions while planning their journeys. Below, you can find the current restrictions and the resource to read more.

1) **Passengers from Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka are banned from entering Turkey until further notice.** Passengers who are arriving in Turkey from another country but have been in Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, India, Nepal, or Sri Lanka in the last 14 days, must submit a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival and must be quarantined for 14 days in locations to be determined by the Governorships. If the PCR test result to be made at the end of the 14th day of the quarantine is negative, the quarantine measure will be terminated. Passengers whose PCR test result is positive will be taken into isolation as soon as the positive test result is received, and the measure will be terminated with a negative PCR test result which will be made at the end of the 14th day. **Accommodation and airport transfer fees will be paid by the passengers.**

2) **Passengers arriving- except for students and residence/work permit holders- from Afghanistan and Pakistan** and passengers who have been to these countries in the last 14 days are required to submit a negative PCR test result taken 72 hours before arrival to Turkey. These passengers are required to stay under quarantine for 10 days in quarantine hotels specified by the governorships. **Accommodation and airport transfer fees will be paid by the passengers.** If the result of the PCR test taken at the end of the 7th day of the quarantine is negative, the quarantine measure will be terminated.

There are special regulations for students and Turkish Residence/Work Permit holders from Afghanistan and Pakistan on the next page.
Students from Afghanistan and Pakistan

Students who come to Turkey until September 1, 2021, for higher education purposes will be admitted to board the flight if they present their valid and current student ID (students coming to Turkey to enroll must present the acceptance letter or the registration letter) showing that they study in Turkey. Upon their entry into the country, they will be subject to mandatory quarantine at the Kanuni Sultan Suleyman KYK (Higher Education Student Loan and Housing Board) Dormitory in Istanbul.

If the result of the PCR test taken at the end of the 7th day of the quarantine is negative, the quarantine measure will be terminated.

Turkish Residence/ Work Permit Holders from Afghanistan and Pakistan

Citizens of Afghanistan or Pakistan who have a residence or work permit in Turkey will be admitted to board the flight if they present valid residence or work permit in Turkey. These passengers will be exempt from hotel quarantine and will be able to stay in quarantine at their residential address.

If the result of the PCR test taken at the end of the 7th day of the quarantine is negative, the quarantine measure will be terminated.

Kanuni Sultan Suleyman KYK (Higher Education Student Loan and Housing Board) Dormitory

Address: Ziya Gökalp, Muhsin Ertuğrul Caddesi, No:2, 34490 Başakşehir/ İstanbul

For map, click here.

Cost: While the accommodation is free of charge, three meals a day cost 50₺.

3) Passengers who will be quarantined within the scope of the first and second articles must make hotel reservations via the hotel contact details listed below before their flight at the first point of departure and pay the total hotel accommodation fees before starting their travels. In accordance with the rules set forth by the relevant authorities, passengers who cannot present the proof of payment to the officers at the first points of departure will not be able to board flights.

Click here for the list of isolation hotels.

To read more details, please click here.
President's Latest Message

President Umran S. Inan published his latest message about returning to campus on Monday, August 16th. Below, you can find the highlights of his message.

Fall '21

The start date for Fall '21 is scheduled as September 27th, 2021. Please refer to our Academic Calendar.

All faculty and staff at the Rumelifeneri campus are expected to be back in their offices on September 13th, 2021, and required to be fully vaccinated, 2 doses with the second dose at least 14 days prior to their return back. Faculty and staff who are not vaccinated or who do not report their vaccination status are required to report a weekly negative PCR test result to the Health Center in order to be able to return to their offices.

Dormitories

It is anticipated the campus to be fully operational in Fall '21. All individuals are to abide by physical distancing rules everywhere on campus, required to wear face masks at indoor and outdoor campus spaces including all classrooms, offices, laboratories, public areas, common areas such as the Library, and the Student Center regardless of vaccination status.

All students, faculty, and staff are required to fill out the Self-Checker App every day before they enter the campus.

Vaccination

Those who have not yet received the vaccine are strongly encouraged to be vigilant and considerate in protecting the health and well-being of themselves and others. With KU health experts, the current situation is monitored closely, evaluating each step with due diligence. The management allows itself as much flexibility as possible so that if circumstances change, it can adapt swiftly and decisively. The president looks forward to finally being on campus with all of you, and kindly asks you to continue to be prudent and remain healthy during the remainder of the summer.

For the complete message and the previous messages, please click here.
New Update on Campus Entries for Students Subject to Mandatory Quarantine

There university’s COVID-19 Task Force announced an important update about campus entry regulations for those who are subject to a mandatory quarantine upon arrival to Turkey.

As you might already know, the current country-specific entry restrictions to Turkey ban the entries of passengers from Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka until further notice. The passengers arriving from Afghanistan and Pakistan, and passengers who have been to these mentioned countries in the last 14 days are required to both submit a negative PCR test result taken 72 hours before arrival to Turkey, and to stay under quarantine for 10 days. Please see Return to Campus FAQs for more details.

Within the framework of the decision taken by the university's COVID-19 Task Force, students from these mentioned countries will be subject to passport control at the campus entrance to have their quarantine status checked.

Therefore, at the end of your quarantine period and upon your arrival to KU campus, please have your passport ready to show to the security authorities at the campus entrance.

Please be reminded that a HES code is obligatory to enter the campus. You can learn more about it at the following link: https://hayatevesigar.saglik.gov.tr/hes-eng.html. Students are also required to fill in the Self-Checker Application before their entry to KU Campus. You may find more information on the Self-Checker Application here.
Return to Campus FAQs are Available!

KU Communications Directorate published a guideline that details the recommendations and measures in place regarding return to the Rumelifeneri Campus. The name of the guideline is Return to Campus, and it is available at www.ku.edu.tr/en/return-to-campus/.

From the guideline:

"We are committed to fulfilling all of our responsibilities to adhere to all new measures and recommendations set by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Health and relevant state authorities. We are closely monitoring the pandemic with our in-house healthcare specialists, evaluating each step we take with due diligence, and working to take quick, resolute and flexible action under changing conditions."

Frequently Asked Questions

Below we have provided answers to frequently asked questions regarding return to campus.

Through the International Students menu, you can find the frequently asked questions about travel to Turkey, studies, dormitories, and COVID-19.
Turkey Joins EU COVID Pass System

The European Commission announced on August 19th that the European Union would accept Turkish COVID-19 certificates as of August 20th.

The EU executive body adopted equivalence decisions for the COVID-19 certificates issued by the authorities of Turkey, North Macedonia, and Ukraine. With the decision, Turkey joins the bloc’s COVID-19 pass system ensuring free travel to and within the bloc.

Practicalities
The document is available on smartphone or paper format, featuring a QR code that allows authorities to determine the COVID status of the traveler.

The pass proves if a person had received all the recommended doses of vaccine approved by the European Medicine Agency (EMA), had a negative PCR-test over the past 72 hours, or recovered from the illness in the last six months.

The EMA-authorized vaccines are the products of pharma companies Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, CureVac, and Johnson&Johnson.

To read more details, please click here.
Annual Summer Leave

KU, thus our office, will have an annual summer leave from August 21st to September 6th. Please note that we will be able to answer your emails only after September 6th, 2021.

Please check out our website to look for an answer to your questions.

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