



Instructions concerning test certificates

The National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) has updated its instructions regarding arrival in Finland and travel in general. As of 23 February 2021, shipping lines will require a COVID-19 test certificate or equivalent document from customers.

In accordance with THL's recommendations, all customers arriving in Finland will be required to present

1. a certificate showing that they have tested negative for the COVID-19 virus or
2. a certificate showing that they have had and recovered from a coronavirus infection and are therefore free to travel

This requirement applies to all passengers, including Finnish citizens, who arrive in Finland on or after 23 February 2021. This is all part of our other comprehensive measures designed to ensure health and safety.

No certificate is required from

- persons who are on a cruise (without going to shore)
- drivers carrying freight in a professional capacity
- those under 13 years of age
- seamen whose tour of duty commences on a ship sailing from Finland or who are returning from such a tour to Finland.

We accept certificates of a negative COVID-19 test or a certificate of full recovery from a previous coronavirus infection issued by a reliable healthcare operator. The certificate may be in Finnish, Swedish, English, German, Norwegian, Danish or Estonian. The certificate may be presented in hardcopy or digital format, such as a text message, e-mail or screenshot, provided that it indicates the passenger's name, date of testing and the issuer of the certificate. The following coronavirus test methods are acceptable:

- PCR test taken no earlier than 72 hours before the trip
- PCR instant test taken no earlier than 72 hours before the trip
- LAMP test taken no earlier than 72 hours before the trip
- Antigen test taken no earlier than 72 hours before the trip
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- Home test ("hemtest") used in Sweden

Read more about THL's recommendations at [THL's web page,\(in finnish\)](#) .

Finnish Shipowners' Association: [As of 23 February 2021, shipping lines will require a negative COVID-19 test certificate from passengers arriving in Finland from abroad](#)

Traficom: [THL recommends that a negative COVID-19 test also be required from passengers arriving in Finland using other means of transport beside aircraft](#)