COVID-19 TRAVEL GUIDANCE FOR ENTRY TO ITALY FROM ABROAD

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Italian Covid-related travel guidance features lists of Countries from which entry to Italy is subject to different restrictions, as specified below:

A – Vatican City and San Marino: no restrictions apply.

B – Countries and territories with a low epidemiological profile, which will be identified by the Ministry of Health. Currently, there are no Countries in this list.

C – Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark (including the Faroe Islands and Greenland), Estonia, Finland, France (including Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyana, Reunion, Mayotte and excluding other overseas territories outside the European mainland), Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands (excluding other overseas territories outside the European mainland), Poland, Portugal (including the Azores and Madeira), Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (including the territories in Africa), Sweden, Hungary, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco: persons travelling to Italy from any of these Countries will need to compile the digital passenger locator form and present the EU Digital Covid Certificate (Green Pass) providing proof that the person has either been fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 in the previous fourteen days, has recovered from Covid-19 and is no longer subject to required isolation or received a negative rapid antigenic or molecular test result taken with the last 48 hours before entering Italy. If the passenger is unable to do so, he/she shall be required to self-isolate under medical supervision for a period of 10 days, after which he/she will be required to take a (molecular or antigenic) swab test. There are exceptions to the obligation to present a green pass.

Persons travelling to Italy from the United Kingdom shall be subject to the rules below.

D – Australia, New Zealand, Rwanda, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand: Persons travelling to Italy from any of these Countries will need to inform the Prevention Department of their local health authority that they have entered Italy, compile the digital passenger locator form, present a negative (molecular or antigen) swab test taken within the last 72 hours before entering Italy and self-isolate under medical supervision for 10 days, at their final destination in Italy, which they must reach by private transport only or connecting flight (without leaving the airport transit area). After the period of self-isolation, it is mandatory to repeat the molecular or antigenic test. There are exceptions to the obligation to take a swab test before entering Italy and to self-isolate and repeat the swab test at the end of the self-isolation period.

Canada, Japan and the United States: passengers travelling to Italy from these countries are required to notify their arrival to the Prevention Department of their local health authority, compile the digital passenger locator form and present a Covid-19 green pass issued by the competent local health authorities and considered of equivalent value (vaccination with vaccines authorised by EMA; recovery from Covid-19 and completion of self-isolation requirements; negative rapid or molecular test results). There are exceptions to the obligation to present a green pass.

E – All other Countries not included in the above lists (including Brazil, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to which the special guidance below applies): there are no restrictions on travel to Italy
from all other Countries not included in the above lists for Italian/EU/Schengen citizens and family members, as well as holders of long-term resident status and family members (Directive 2004/38/EC), and unmarried partners in a proven stable relationship (regardless of whether or not they cohabit) with Italian/EU/Schengen citizens or long-term residents, if travelling to their partner's home or place of residence in Italy.

Persons not belonging to any of the groups mentioned above may enter Italy from group E Countries only for specific reasons, such as, work, study, health, or other absolutely essential reasons, or to return to their home or place of residence.

Persons travelling to Italy from any of these Countries will need to inform the Prevention Department of their local health authority that they have entered Italy, compile the digital passenger locator form, present a negative (molecular or antigen) swab test taken within the last 72 hours before entering Italy and self-isolate under medical supervision for 10 days at their final destination in Italy, which they must reach by private transport only or connecting flight (without leaving the airport transit area). After the period of self-isolation, it is mandatory to repeat the molecular or antigenic test. There are exceptions to the obligation to take a swab test before entering Italy and to self-isolate and take another swab test at the end of the self-isolation period.

Persons who show the symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to immediately notify the health authority and self-isolate while awaiting the competent authorities’ decisions.

ENTRY OF MINORS

Children aged below six years are exempt from the obligation to take a molecular or antigenic swab test before entering Italy.

Minors travelling with at least one parent or an accompanying person holding a green pass shall not be required to self-isolate, if required.

ENTRY TO ITALY FROM ANY COUNTRY FOR SPORTS COMPETITIONS

For the purpose of participating in sports events and competitions of national interest, entry to Italy is allowed to athletes, coaches, judges and match commissioners, foreign press members and accompanying personnel, provided that they:

a) declare the Countries they visited or transited through in the last 14 days before entering Italy;
b) present to the carrier on boarding, and to any other control authority, a negative molecular or antigen swab test result carried out within the last 48 hours before entering the country;
c) perform all sports and other activities in accordance with the ad hoc protocol adopted by the organizer of the event.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE TO PRESENT A GREEN PASS

Provided that the persons travelling to Italy do not show any COVID-19 symptoms and subject to the declaration requirements the obligation to present a green pass shall not apply to:

a) transport crew members;
b) haulage workers;
c) persons travelling to and from the Countries and territories included in list A of annex 20;
d) persons entering Italy for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty hours for proven work, health, or absolutely essential reasons, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of the said period, or, if unable to do so, to undergo a period of supervised self-isolation;
e) persons travelling through Italy, by private transport, for a period of no more than thirty-six hours, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of the said period, or, if unable to do so, to start a period of supervised self-isolation;
f) cross-border workers entering and leaving the Country for proven work reasons and returning to their home or place of residence;
g) employees of corporations or entities with headquarters or branch offices in Italy and travelling abroad for proven work reasons for no longer than one hundred and twenty hours;
h) officials and other servants, however designated, of the European Union or international organisations, diplomatic agents, administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions, consular officials and personnel, military personnel, including any personnel returning from international missions, and members of law enforcement agencies, personnel of Italian State intelligence and security agencies and fire-fighting personnel on active duty;
i) students attending a study programme in a Country other than the Country of residence or home Country, to which they return on a daily basis or at least once a week.
l) entries following a stay of no more than 24 hours in a foreign destination at a distance of no more than 60 km from the place of residence, domicile or dwelling. Furthermore, in the case of travel with private means, the obligation to compile a digital passenger locator form shall not apply to this group.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE TO TAKE A SWAB TEST PRIOR TO ENTERING ITALY

Provided that the persons travelling to Italy do not show any COVID-19 symptoms and subject to the declaration requirements, the following persons shall not be required to take a (molecular or antigen) swab test:

a) transport crew members;
b) haulage workers;
c) persons travelling to and from the Countries and territories included in list A of annex 20;
d) persons entering Italy for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty hours for proven work, health, or absolutely essential reasons, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of the said period, or, if unable to do so, to undergo a period of supervised self-isolation;
e) persons travelling through Italy, by private transport, for a period of no more than thirty-six hours, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of the said period, or, if unable to do so, to start a period of supervised self-isolation;
f) cross-border workers entering and leaving the Country for proven work reasons and returning to their home or place of residence;
g) employees of corporations or entities with headquarters or branch offices in Italy and travelling abroad for proven work reasons for no longer than one hundred and twenty hours;
h) officials and other servants, however designated, of the European Union or international organisations, diplomatic agents, administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions, consular officials and personnel, military personnel, including any personnel returning from international missions, and members of law enforcement agencies, personnel of Italian State intelligence and security agencies and fire-fighting personnel on active duty;
i) students attending a study programme in a Country other than the Country of residence or home Country, to which they return on a daily basis or at least once a week.
1) entries following a stay of no more than 24 hours in a foreign destination at a distance of no more than 60 km from the place of residence, domicile or dwelling

The above categories of persons are exempted from both the obligation to take a swab test before entering Italy and the obligation to self-isolate and then take a swab test after the period of self-isolation period.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE SELF-ISOLATION AND SWAB TESTING AFTER SELF-ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS (art. 51, paragraph 7 of DPCM 2 March 2021)

Provided that the persons travelling to Italy do not show any COVID-19 symptoms, the medical supervision, self-isolation and, except where expressly indicated, the (molecular or antigen) swab testing requirements after self-isolation do not apply to:

a) transport crew members;
b) haulage workers;
c) persons travelling from and to the Countries and territories included in list A of annex 20;
d) persons entering Italy for work reasons regulated by specific security protocols approved by the competent health authorities;
e) persons entering Italy for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty hours for proven work, health, or absolutely essential reasons, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of the said period, or, if unable to do so, to start a period of self-isolation under medical supervision;
f) persons entering Italy for proven and unpostponable reasons, subject to prior authorisation given by the Ministry of Health and to the requirement of presenting to the carrier on boarding, and to any other control authority, a negative molecular or antigen swab test result carried out within the last 48 hours before entering the Country;
g) persons travelling through Italy, by private transport, for a period of no more than thirty-six hours, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of the said period, or, if unable to do so, to start a period of self-isolation under medical supervision;
h) citizens and residents of a Member State of the European Union and of the other Countries and territories listed in lists A, B, C and D of annex 20 entering Italy for proven work reasons, unless they visited or transited through one or more of the Countries or territories in list C within the last 14 days before entering Italy;
i) health personnel entering Italy to practice a healthcare profession, including on a temporary basis, in accordance with article 13 of Decree Law 18/2020, amended and converted into Law 27/2020;
j) cross-border workers entering and leaving the Country for proven work reasons and returning to their home or place of residence;
k) employees of corporations or entities with headquarters or branch offices in Italy and travelling abroad for proven work reasons for no longer than one hundred and twenty hours;
l) officials and other servants, however designated, of the European Union or international organisations, diplomatic agents, administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions, consular officials and personnel, military personnel, including any personnel returning from international missions, and members of law enforcement agencies, personnel of Italian State intelligence and security agencies and fire-fighting personnel on active duty;
o) students attending a study programme in a Country other than the Country of residence or home
Country, to which they return on a daily basis or at least once a week; 
p) persons travelling on «Covid-tested» flights, in accordance with the Ordinance issued by the 
Minister of Health on 23 November 2020, as amended; 
q) persons entering to take part in sports competitions of national interest, in accordance with 49, 
paragraph 5.

The above categories of persons entering Italy shall continue to be required to take a molecular 
or antigen swab test within the last 48 hours before entering the country.

GUIDANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

Persons entering Italy after staying in or transiting through the United Kingdom (including Gibraltar, 
Isle of Man, Channel Islands and the UK bases in Cyprus) in the previous 14 days, are required to 
notify their arrival to the Prevention Department of their local health authority, compile the digital 
passenger locator form and present the results of a (molecular or antigenic) swab test taken within the 
last 48 hours before entering the country and, regardless of the test results, self-isolate under medical 
supervision for a period of 5 days. After self-isolating, he/she shall repeat the antigenic or molecular 
swab test.

This rule does not apply to the following:
a) transport crew members; 
b) haulage workers; 
c) persons travelling from and to the Countries and territories included in list A of annex 20; 
d) persons entering Italy for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty hours for proven work, 
health, or absolutely essential reasons, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at 
the end of the said period, or, if unable to do so, to start a period of self-isolation under medical 
supervision in accordance with paragraphs from 1 to 5; 

e) persons travelling through Italy, by private transport, for a period of no more than thirty-six 
hours, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of the said period, or, if 
unable to do so, to start a period of self-isolation under medical supervision in accordance with 
paragraphs from 1 to 5; 
f) employees of corporations or entities with headquarters or branch offices in Italy and travelling 
abroad for proven work reasons for no longer than one hundred and twenty hours; 
g) officials and other servants, however designated, of the European Union or international 
organisations, diplomatic agents, administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions, consular 
officials and personnel, military personnel, including any personnel returning from international 
missions, and members of law enforcement agencies, personnel of Italian State intelligence and 
security agencies and fire-fighting personnel on active duty; 
h) students attending a study programme in a Country other than the Country of residence or home 
Country, to which they return on a daily basis or at least once a week.

GUIDANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM BRAZIL

I. Entry to Italy of travellers who visited or transited through Brazil in the last 14 days before entering 
Italy is allowed only in the following cases (provided that they do not show symptoms of COVID- 
19):

• persons who have been resident in Italy since before 13 February 2021; 
• persons travelling to the home or place of residence of their children, if minors, or spouse or civil 
union partner;
• persons travelling for essential reasons and specifically authorised by the Ministry of Health to enter Italy.

In which case, persons travelling from Brazil are allowed entry to Italy provided that they:
- a) compile a digital passenger locator form;
- b) present to the carrier on boarding, and to any other control authority, a negative molecular or antigen swab test result taken in the last 72 hours before entering the Country;
- c) take a molecular or antigen swab test on arrival at the airport, port or border crossing, where possible, or within 48 hours from entering the Country at their local health authority. Travellers entering Italy with a flight from Brazil must take a swab test on arrival at the airport;
- d) undertake, regardless of the swab test result under point c) above, to self-isolate under medical supervision for a period of ten days, at their home or other place of residence, subject to communication of their arrival to the Prevention Department of the competent local health authority;
- e) take an additional molecular or antigen swab test at the end of the 10-day period of self-isolation.

II. Subject to the authorization of the Ministry of Health or inclusion in validated protocols, entry to Italy is allowed to the following categories of persons, who shall not be required to self-isolate and then take a swab test after the period of self-isolation:
- a) persons entering Italy for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty hours for proven work, health, or absolutely essential reasons, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of the said period, or, if unable to do so, to self-isolate under medical supervision;
- b) employees of corporations or entities with headquarters or branch offices in Italy and travelling abroad for proven work reasons for no longer than one hundred and twenty hours;
- c) officials and other servants, however designated, of the European Union or international organisations, diplomatic agents, administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions, consular officials and personnel, military personnel, including any personnel returning from international missions, and members of law enforcement agencies, personnel of Italian State intelligence and security agencies and fire-fighting personnel on active duty.

III. Transport and haulage personnel engaged in transporting passengers and freight shall not be required to self-isolate in Italy (unless they show symptoms of COVID-19) but shall nevertheless be required to take a molecular or antigen swab test on arrival at the airport, port or border crossing, where possible, or within 48 hours from entering the Country at their local health authority.

GUIDANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM INDIA, BANGLADESH AND SRI LANKA

I. Persons who visited or transited through India, Bangladesh or Sri Lanka in the last 14 days before entering Italy are allowed to enter the country, provided that they do not show symptoms of COVID-19, only in the following cases:
- • Italian citizens resident in Italy since before 29 April 2021;
- • Italian citizens registered with the Registry of Italians Resident Abroad (A.I.R.E.);
- • officials and other servants, however designated, of the European Union or international organisations, diplomatic agents, administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions, consular officials and personnel, military personnel, including any personnel returning from international missions, and members of law enforcement agencies, personnel of Italian State intelligence and
security agencies and fire-fighting personnel on active duty, subject to authorisation by the Ministry of Health or in accordance with validated health protocols.

In which case, persons travelling from India, Bangladesh or Sri Lanka are allowed entry to Italy provided that they:

a) compile a digital passenger locator form;

b) present to the carrier on boarding, and to any other control authority, a negative molecular or antigen swab test result taken in the last 72 hours before entering the Country;

c) take a molecular or antigen swab test on arrival at the airport, port or border crossing; in the case of a molecular swab test, the person shall self-isolate until the test result is available;

d) observe a 10-day self-isolation period in a “Covid Hotel” or other location indicated by the competent health authorities or the Civil Protection Department, regardless of the outcome of the test referred to in point c) above;

e) take an additional molecular or antigen swab test at the end of the 10-day self-isolation period.

The same health prevention measures on entering Italy shall apply also to:

• persons expressly authorised by the Ministry of Health for humanitarian or urgent health reasons.

II. Transport and haulage personnel engaged in transporting passengers and freight are allowed entry to Italy, provided that they do not show symptoms of COVID-19 and that they:

a) compile a digital passenger locator form;

b) take a molecular or antigen swab test on arrival at the airport, port or border crossing, where possible, or within 48 hours from entering the Country at their local health authority;

c) observe a self-isolation period on entering Italy and until they return to their base, at the location indicated by the competent health authorities or the Civil Protection Department.