

For international students currently outside of Russia and planning to return to the country!

1. In line with the Order of the Russian Consumer Protection Agency, as of February 16, 2021, amendments are made to the procedures for the re-admission to studies of international students, arriving in Russia from countries with which air connectivity has been restored on a mutual basis (the list of countries and information about entry into the Russian Federation can be found here: <https://ivisa.hse.ru/news/437443684.html>):

- international students arriving in Russia shall be re-admitted to classes only after being tested for COVID-19 with the application of the PCR method two times;
- the first test must be done in your country of departure, no earlier than three calendar days prior to your arrival in the Russian Federation;
- the second test must be done within 72 hours after your entry into the Russian Federation;
- upon receiving a negative COVID-19 test result after arrival in Russia, international students must self-isolate at their place of residence.

2. Prior to arriving in Russia, international students must **obtain a medical insurance policy**, which should cover both a medical check-up and testing for COVID-19 with the application of the PCR method. A list of medical insurance programmes and descriptions of the procedures for online purchase can be found at: <https://www.hse.ru/medical/ins>. If you already have a valid medical insurance policy, purchased from a firm not included in the list of recommended insurance providers (as indicated above), please check whether or not your policy lists the following services: a medical check-up, and tests for HIV, hepatitis and COVID-19. If your policy does not cover these options, you must undergo a medical check-up and be tested on a paid basis. Three days prior to your arrival to Russia, **inform the manager of your degree programme of the date of your arrival, as well as send them a scan of your medical policy**.

3. Arrival at your place of residence:

- If you plan to live in an HSE University dormitory, **three days prior to your arrival in Russia, you must inform staff at the Dormitory Management Office about the date of your arrival** (please contact L.N. Barminova lubovb@hse.ru, or E.V. Grishkova - evgrishkova@hse.ru).

Upon arrival in the Russian Federation, international students must go to the dormitory observation facility located at 7 Kibalchicha Ulitsa, Moscow. There, students must present their negative COVID-19 results (using the PCR method), carried out no earlier than three days prior to their arrival in Russia. After arriving at the facility, within 72 hours, the Office of Student and Staff Benefits will organize the second test with the application of the PCR method. Upon receiving a second negative test result, students will be receiving an accommodation referral to one of the University's dormitories. Prior to this, they must remain in self-isolation in the dormitory observation facility.

** To reduce the period of self-isolation, international students may take a second COVID-19 test with the application of the PCR method directly in the airport of their arrival to Russia. In such cases, upon their arrival at the dormitory observation facility, students must submit the two negative PCR test results. After the facility administration verifies the PCR test results and the student's migration card, they will be allowed to check into an HSE University dormitory.*

- **If you plan to live in a rented apartment or hotel**, three days prior to the date of your planned arrival in the Russian Federation, you must **inform staff at the HSE University Office of Staff and Student Benefits about the date of your arrival, as well as the address of your residence while in Russia** (S.Y. Zhukova - szhukova@hse.ru or A.A. Adzhigitova - aadzhigitova@hse.ru).

International students arriving in the Russian Federation who have a negative COVID-19 result (with use of the PCR method), carried out no earlier than three days prior to their arrival in Russia, must take a second PCR-based test within 72 hours after their entry into the country. To save time, international students may take a second COVID-19 test (using the PCR method) directly in the airport of their arrival in the Russian Federation. Prior to receiving their negative test result, international students must remain in self-isolation at their place of stay.

After receiving the second negative test result (with the PCR method), students must **send scans of both certificates indicating their negative test results to the staff at the HSE University Office of Staff and Student Benefits** (S.Y. Zhukova - szhukova@hse.ru or A.A. Adzhigitova - aadzhigitova@hse.ru) **and the manager of the degree programme.**

** If you feel ill or if you require medical assistance, call 112 or the number indicated on your medical policy. Please inform staff at the HSE University Office of Staff and Student Benefits about all requests for medical assistance.*

Please remember to indicate “Education” as the purpose of your visit on your migration card when entering the Russian Federation.

In regards to medical support issues, contact the Office of Student and Staff Benefits (S.Y. Zhukova - szhukova@hse.ru or A.A. Adzhigitova - aadzhigitova@hse.ru)