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Covid-19 Ordinance on measures in relation to the international movement of persons

Collection of contact details of passengers of international scheduled bus services upon entry into Switzerland

Information of passengers about the quarantine obligation after entering Switzerland from countries or areas with increased risk for infection with Coronavirus Sars-CoV-2

Dear Sir or Madam

In the context of the fight against the Covid 19 pandemic, you have certain obligations provided for by law. In this context, we urgently request your cooperation.

In concrete terms, this involves the following:

1. As from September 14, 2020, 00 hours, all passengers arriving in Switzerland from **Bundesland Wien** must be given the enclosed contact card and advised to fill it in entirely.
2. The filled out contact cards must be collected by the bus company and sent to CH.focalpoint@bag.admin.ch or kept during 14 days under lock. If needed these contact cards have to be at the disposition of the OFPH at all times.
3. Persons who enter Switzerland and who have within the previous 14 days stayed for any time in a country or area with an increased risk of infection with the Sars-Cov-2 coronavirus (country or area with an increased risk of infection) are required immediately on entry to go directly to their home or to other suitable accommodation. They must remain there continuously for 10 days following their entry (quarantine).

4. Any bus company that transports passengers to Switzerland shall ensure that passengers are informed about these measures.
5. This information is given before boarding, with the help of the flyer in the appendix and if necessary by an announcement of the crew. the flyer can be downloaded in several languages here: www.bag.admin.ch/entry.

Please note that you are subject to the obligation to cooperate under Article 43 of the Federal Act of 28 September 2012 on the Control of Communicable Human Diseases (Epidemics Act, SR 818.101). This obligation to cooperate is specified in Article 59 paragraph 2 of the Ordinance on Epidemics (SR 818.101.1):

According to this provision, the FOPH can oblige companies that transport persons across borders by rail, bus, ship or air, and airport operators, to distribute contact cards and to ensure that the above-mentioned information is provided to persons entering Switzerland.

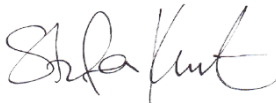
Failure to comply with this obligation to cooperate is punishable by a fine of up to CHF 10,000 (Art. 83 para. 1 let. I Epidemics Act)

We ask you to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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