

The Government of the Canary Islands approves the Decree that establishes the possibility of replacing the restriction of entry with the safest and most economically viable health control

## The Canary Islands will accept foreign visitors with an antigen test

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- Tourists may present a negative antigen test to enter the Canary Islands.
- The new decree states that entry restrictions will not apply to passengers who undergo a **health check** consisting of a responsible declaration, a symptom check to verify the absence of fever and a negative result of a diagnostic test for active infection and/or isolation at the destination.

December 10, 2020.- Travelling to the Canary Islands is now a little easier for international tourists, following the official publication of a decree by the Canary Islands Government, which establishes that all those travellers who are not residents of Spain may be subject to a health check upon entry at airports or ports, in order to safely regulate their entry with more accessible and economically feasible systems.

The health check consists of submitting a **responsible declaration**, undergoing a **symptomatology check** to verify the absence of fever and presenting a negative result of a diagnostic test for active infection, a **PCR (COVID-19 RT-PCR)** or a **rapid test for the detection of SARS-Cov-2 antigens** with a specificity of more than 97% and a sensitivity of more than 80%, in accordance with the corresponding approval of a country of the European Union or the European Economic Area.

So, from today it is accepted and **highly recommended to** present negative results of an antigen detection test to enter the Canary Islands. A test that, in a **quick manner** (the results arrive in 15 minutes), by means of a respiratory sample, allows to detect whether the traveller is infected at that moment by the SARS-Cov-2 virus.

This regulation is in addition to Decree Law 17/2020 of 29 October 2020, which stated that travellers who are going to stay in tourist establishments in the Canary Islands may indicate this in the **responsible declaration**, and **may present the negative certificate of their active infection diagnostic test at the reception of their accommodation.**

The decree makes it possible for a traveller to be tested within 72 hours of arrival; within 72 hours of arrival; or even to be confined for 14 days.

If you choose to take the test after arrival, you will have to remain in isolation in your residence, temporary residence or tourist accommodation until the diagnosis is obtained.

The documentation supporting the test must include the name and documentation number of the person carrying out the test, the authorized health authority or body carrying out the test, their contact details, the type of test carried out, the type, make and approval of the test, if applicable, the date and time of carrying out the test and the result of the test. In the case of antigen testing, the approved specificity and sensitivity must be reflected.