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For the attention of the Ministries of Transport

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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

Dear Sir or Madam,

In connection with the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, there are certain obligations for the internationally operating bus companies that transport passengers in Switzerland. In this context, we kindly ask for your cooperation.

In concrete terms, this involves the following:

1. As from September 20, 2021, 00 hours, all passengers travelling to Switzerland on a commercial international bus line, are obliged to fill in the Swiss PLF (<https://swissplf.admin.ch/home>) before entering the country. If the passengers did not have the possibility to fill in the form online, they have to complete it manually/on paper. The filled out contact cards need to be collected by the bus company and sent to CH.focalpoint@bag.admin.ch. The passenger locator forms may be found here: [Downloads \(admin.ch\)](#): Any bus company that transports passengers to Switzerland is obliged to verify that the passengers have filled in either the Swiss PLF or the abovementioned contact card.
2. Furthermore, the internationally operating bus companies that transport passengers in Switzerland must inform passengers that they must be tested for Sars-CoV-2 before departure and will only be admitted to the bus if they show a negative test result. This does not apply to vaccinated or recovered passengers. You can find more exceptions here. www.bag.admin.ch/entry

However, if a bus company crosses Switzerland without a stopover, without the possibility for passengers to disembark, the persons travelling with them do not have to record any contact data, nor present a negative test result.

Please note that you have an 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) which is specified in Article 59 paragraph 2 of the Ordinance on Epidemics (SR 818.101.1):

According to this provision, the Federal Office of Public Health can impose an obligation on companies that transport persons across the borders of Switzerland by rail, bus, ship or air, and airport operators, to distribute contact cards and ensure that the above-mentioned information is provided to the persons entering Switzerland.

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

We kindly ask you to confirm receipt of this letter.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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