

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo and has the honour to refer to two press releases from 12 March, which can be accessed on the Government's webpages.

Press release from the Ministry of Justice and Public Security on entry quarantine in quarantine hotels: From Wednesday 17.03.2021 at 00.01, people who return to Norway after unnecessary leisure trips abroad must carry out the entry quarantine in quarantine hotels. The entry restrictions from 29 January are extended until further notice, initially until and including 7 April. Flere må på karantenehotell og innreiserestriksjonene forlenges - regjeringen.no The press release is currently only in Norwegian, but the webpage "Travel to Norway" is updated with the latest changes. Travel to Norway - regjeringen.no

Press release from the Ministry of Health and Care Services on recommendations for the upcoming Easter Holidays (in English) https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/the-governments-recommendations-for-easter/id2838494/

According to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, articles 29 and 37, personnel with diplomatic immunity, and their accompanying family members, may not be arrested or detained in any other way. On this basis, and pursuant to the reservation regarding international law in the Infection Control Act (Smittevernloven) Section 1-2 fourth paragraph, diplomatic and consular personnel accredited to Norway and their accompanying family are not considered to be obliged to carry out an entry quarantine. Hence, they are also exempt from the requirement of carrying out entry quarantine at a designated quarantine hotel.

It is, however, strongly urged and expected that personnel with diplomatic immunity comply with the regulations and carry out entry quarantine at a suitable place, as well as comply with the other Covid 19 regulations, both at the national and local level, on a voluntary basis (cf. the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations art. 41 and the Vienna Convention

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo the assurance of its highest consideration.

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