

Istanbul Airport PCR test

Everything you need to know...

Not applicable for travel direct from SA, UK, Brazil & Denmark

See attached for details..



- **Where is the test center located in IST airport?**
 - The PCR test centre is located in IST airport in the Arrivals Hall, in front of Entrance 14.
- **Do I need to clear customs to get to the test centre?**
 - **Yes.** You can only get to the testing centre after passport control / customs clearance, so you have to be able to legally enter Turkey.
 - If you are coming from a country that normally requires a Visa to enter, you will need to get one before trying to clear customs. Thankfully many countries only need a quick e-Visa and they can be applied for here: www.evisa.gov.tr/en/
 - You cannot directly access testing center from the transit/boarding area.
- **When is the test centre open?**
 - The testing facility, just like IST airport, is open 24/7
- **Do I need an appointment?**
 - No, appointments are not required. Just show up.



- **How long does it take to get results?**
 - Results for the PCR test once the swab has been taken average around 4-8 hours
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- **How much does the test cost?**
 - The test is 260 TL (app. R520), or app. US\$33.
- **How can I get a test on a lay-over?**
 - Make sure you have a visa to enter Turkey, since you will be going through customs to get to the testing area. Make sure your layover is at the very MINIMUM 12 hours. Anything under 12 hours is risking your results not being ready in time.
 - Once you land, go through customs/passport control and then make your way to the arrivals hall near entrance 14.
 - Your test results should be ready before your next flight, providing it is at least 12 hours away.



- **What if I have an over-night layover, or a longer stay in Turkey?**
 - Staying over-night or having a longer layover to get a test done is a great option.
 - **Just be aware, the testing facility will not perform your test if your next flight is more than 48 hours away.** They will ask you to come back and get the test when your next flight is under 48 hours away.
 - Go through customs, get your test done and then leave to your hotel for the night.
 - Your test results are available online. Many people get their test results by the time they are checked into their hotel. Just ask the hotel front desk to print your results, or use a business centre in the hotel to print results yourself. This is of course for any country that requires the results in paper form only and will not accept digital proof.
- **What if I am already in Turkey, have been vacationing in Turkey for a while, or will have a layover longer than 48 hours?**
 - **One day** before your flight, make a separate trip to the airport to have your test performed.
 - **The airport will allow you to enter if you bring your passport and proof of ticket, even if it is one or two days early.**
 - Enter the airport through the departure hall, go through security and take the escalators down to the arrivals hall near Entrance 14 and have your test performed. You will get the results in good time before your flight the next day.



- **What is the process for having the test performed?**

- Once you arrive at the testing facility, you will need to go through a series of steps to register, pay and perform the test.
 - **Step 1**
 - There is a counter where you grab a number and wait for it to be called. Then you will show your passport, flight information, and other related information. They will issue you a ticket.
 - **Step 2**
 - You take your ticket to the second counter where you will pay the 260 TL fee in cash only. You will get a receipt for this.
 - **Step 3**
 - You take your receipt to the third counter where you will receive your test sample collection tube and a barcode. You should have a 2nd barcode sticker that matches the one for the test tube, which you will place on your passport. *(It might also be in paper form if not sticker form, just don't lose it!)*
 - **Step 4**
 - Take the tube and head to counter 4 to have the test performed. There is a glass barrier with a test performer behind it, who will take your tube and code and then give you your nasal swab.
 - *The entire step 1-4 process can take around 20-30 minutes if the facility is not overwhelmed. If it is very busy, it can take a few hours.*



- **How Do I Get My Test Results?**

- The results will be available a few hours later at: **<https://enabiz.gov.tr/PcrTestSonuc/Index>**
- In order to see your result, you will enter the barcode number from the sticker on your passport, as well as the last 4 digits of your passport for security.
- Those results can then be used for entry for countries that allow digital proof. For any country that needs to have it printed out and/or sealed, you can go back to the facility and have them print it for you. You can request signatures or seals if you need them.
- **Results are printed in English**

- **Masks**

- Masks are required at all times while you're inside Istanbul airport, so don't forget!

