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# Strategy for reopening the borders from 9 June

**Fighting the COVID-19 epidemic**

# TRAVEL TO AND FROM FRANCE

*Classification as  
of 2 June 2021:*

Before you travel abroad, make sure to obtain information on entry restrictions applied by foreign countries (visit [www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs](http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs) for French travel advice).

**It is strongly recommended not to travel to "red" countries.**

Travel flows between France and foreign countries will re-open from 9 June according to terms contingent upon the health situation of these countries and the traveller's vaccination status.

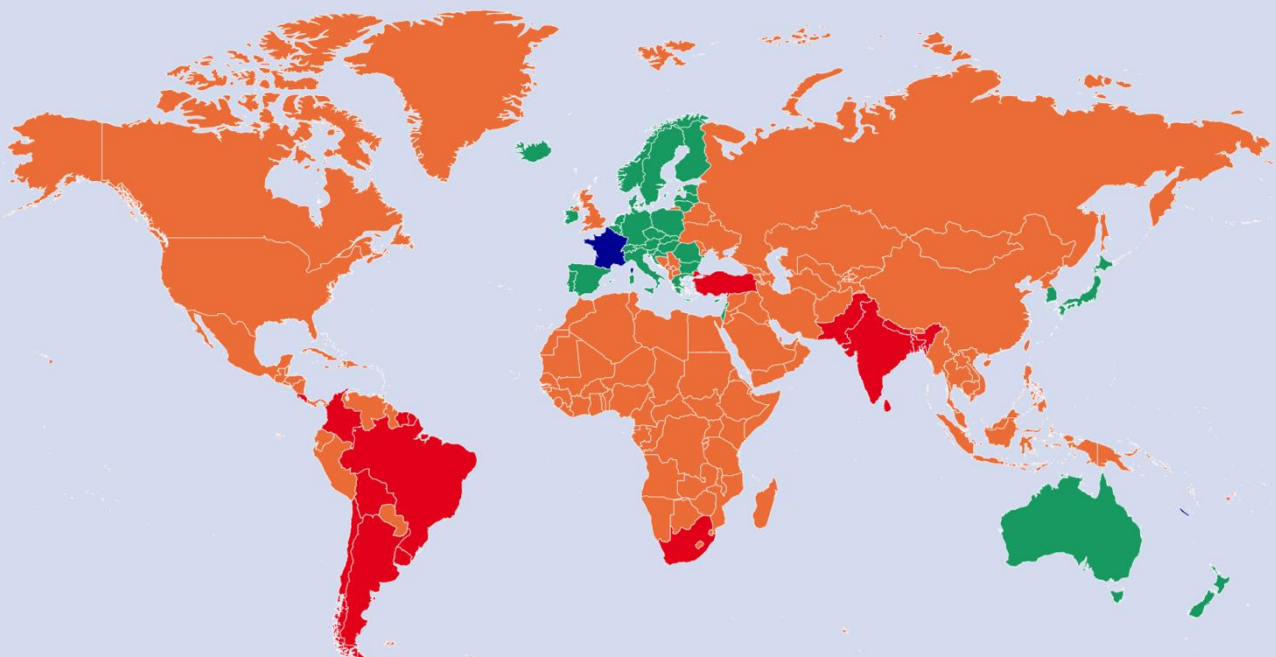
A classification of countries has been established on the basis of the health indicators. The lists may change according to the evolution of the epidemiological situation in each country.

- **"Green" countries:** no active circulation of the virus, no worrying variants identified.  
*European Area, Australia, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea*
- **"Orange" countries:** active circulation of the virus in controlled proportions, without dissemination of worrying variants.  
*All countries, except for "green" and "red" countries.*
- **"Red" countries:** active circulation of the virus, presence of worrying variants.  
*Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Chili, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Turkey and Uruguay.*



## FRENCH CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO HEALTH INDICATORS ON 2 JUNE

COVID-19



## French borders will reopen to travellers according to the following terms:

*Minors will be subject to the same rules on compelling reasons and quarantine as the vaccinated adults they are accompanying, whether they themselves are vaccinated or not.*

	Proof of vaccination (vaccines recognized by the EMA)	Pressing grounds for travel	Mandatory test before boarding	Mandatory test upon arrival	Quarantine measures
<b>Travel to "green" countries</b>	✓	∅ (without prejudice to the rules of destination country)	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country
	I am not vaccinated	∅ (without prejudice to the rules of destination country)	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country
<b>Arrival from "green" countries</b>	✓	∅	∅	∅	∅
	I am not vaccinated	∅	Negative antigen or PCR test < 72hrs	∅	∅
	Proof of vaccination (vaccines recognized by the EMA)	Pressing grounds for travel	Mandatory test before boarding	Mandatory test upon arrival	Quarantine measures
<b>Travel to "orange" countries</b>	✓	∅ (without prejudice to rules of destination*)	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country
	I am not vaccinated	Pressing grounds required (orange list) (without prejudice to rules of destination*)	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country
<b>Arrival from "orange" countries</b>	✓	∅	Negative PCR test < 72hrs or antigen test < 48hrs	∅	∅
	I am not vaccinated	Pressing grounds required (orange list)	Negative PCR test < 72hrs or antigen test < 48hrs	Antigen test (randomly administered)	Voluntary self-isolation for 7 days
	Proof of vaccination (vaccines recognized by the EMA)	Pressing grounds for travel	Mandatory test before boarding	Mandatory test upon arrival	Quarantine measures
<b>Travel to "red" countries</b>	✓	Pressing grounds required (red list) (without prejudice to rules of destination*)	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country
	I am not vaccinated	Pressing grounds required (red list) (without prejudice to rules of destination*)	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country	Based on the rules of the destination country
<b>Arrival from "red" countries</b>	✓	Pressing grounds required (red list)	Negative PCR or antigen test < 48hrs	Antigen test	Voluntary self-isolation for 7 days
	I am not vaccinated	Pressing grounds required (red list)	Negative PCR or antigen test < 48hrs	Antigen test	Mandatory 10-day quarantine supervised by security forces

*\*The strictest list applies*



**Vaccines accepted by France** are those recognized by the European Medicines Agency (EMA): Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson.

**Proof of vaccination is only valid provided that it attests to complete vaccination:**

- Two weeks after the second shot for two-shot vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca);
- Four weeks after the shot for one-shot vaccines (Johnson & Johnson);
- Two weeks after the shot for vaccines administered to people who have already had COVID-19 (only one dose is necessary).

## **TRAVEL WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Travellers currently do not have to provide a reason for travel within the European Union, but they may need to provide a negative test result and/or self-isolate on arrival.

From 1 July, the health pass will be recognized for travel within the European space and will take the form of a European certificate.

The certificate could include proof of vaccination, a negative test administered less than 72 hours prior to departure or proof of recovery from COVID-19 less than three months prior to departure. Countries could also establish additional health measures if they are necessary and proportionate (tests, quarantines, etc.).

## LIST OF PRESSING GROUNDS FOR "ORANGE" COUNTRIES

FROM AN "ORANGE" COUNTRY	TO AN "ORANGE" COUNTRY
<b>French nationals</b> , as well as their partners (spouses, civil partners, or cohabiters) and children.	<b>Foreign nationals returning to their country</b>
<b>European Union nationals</b> and those in the same category, as well as their partners (spouses, civil partners, or cohabiters) and children, with their main residence in France or transiting through France to their main residence in a European Union country or equivalent country or a country of which they are nationals.	<b>Death of a direct family member</b> (grandparents, parents, children and siblings) / <b>visit to a person in critical condition</b> for direct family members (grandparents, parents, children and siblings). Evidence required: death certificate, medical certificate certifying the situation of the person in critical condition, proof of family membership.
<b>Nationals of a third country with a valid European or French residence permit or long-stay visa</b> with their main residence in France or travelling to their main residence in another European Union or equivalent country by transiting through France;	Visitors travelling to France to exercise <b>custodial rights</b> recognized by a court ruling. Evidence required: court ruling and evidence of place of residence.
<b>British nationals</b> and family members enjoying the provisions of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community. <b>British civil servants</b> for the purposes of their missions, persons working for the border police, and customs officers. <b>Staff of the Channel Tunnel</b> (including for tasks linked to operation, maintenance and security) or cross-Channel facilities.	<b>Persons summoned by a judicial or administrative authority.</b> Evidence required: summons.
<b>Nationals of third countries with a long-stay visa</b> issued on the grounds of family reunification or family reunification of refugees, beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and stateless persons.	Persons for whom it is <b>legally or economically impossible to remain in the territory</b> where they are located or who are subject to an expulsion measure. Evidence required: Expiring residence permit, evidence of severance, etc.
<b>Foreign healthcare professionals or researchers</b> helping to fight COVID-19, as well as their partners (spouses, civil partners, or cohabiters, subject to evidence of cohabitation) and children.	<b>Participants in a university exchange programme.</b> Evidence required: certificate of enrolment issued by the establishment.
<b>Foreign healthcare professionals or researchers</b> recruited as a trainee for this purpose.	Travellers on grounds of <b>critical medical emergencies</b> (patient and an accompanying person, if the latter's presence is essential). Evidence required: medical certificate, evidence of scheduled hospitalization, etc.
<b>Nationals of third countries holding a "Talent Passport" long-stay visa</b> , as well as their partners (spouses, civil partners, or cohabiters, subject to evidence of cohabitation) and children.	<b>Missions essential to economic activity</b> , requiring a presence on site that cannot be put off and of which the postponement or cancellation would be impossible or would have disproportionate consequences (for instance, transport workers). Evidence required: certificate from employers, professional ID for crews ensuring international goods transport, international passenger transport, and international maritime transport.
<b>Students</b> enrolled in French as a foreign language courses prior to enrolment in higher education, or accepted in orals for entrance exams in French higher education institutions or enrolled for the academic year 2021-2022; researchers moving to France at the invitation of a research centre for research activities absolutely requiring their physical presence, as well as their partners (spouses, civil partners, or cohabiters, subject to evidence of cohabitation) and children.	<b>Health professionals and researchers</b> helping to fight COVID-19 or taking part in cooperation activities of major interest in terms of health. Evidence required: professional ID.
<b>Persons working in the land, sea and air transport sectors</b> and transport service providers, including drivers of any vehicle for transport of goods to be used in the French territory and those which are only in transit, or such persons travelling as passengers to reach their departure base or for the purpose of training.	<b>Persons on occasional assignments linked to the exercise of public sector activities</b> (including diplomatic missions and assignments essential to the implementation of operational contracts of the armed forces or military corps) that cannot be postponed. Evidence required: professional ID, travel order.
<b>Foreign nationals serving</b> in a diplomatic or consular mission or in an international organization headquartered or having an office in France, and their partners and children, and third-country nationals travelling to France for pressing professional grounds with a travel order issued by their home State.	<b>High-level professional sportspeople</b> to take part in events approved by the Ministry of Sport. Evidence required: professional ID, certificate issued by event organizer in liaison with the Ministry of Sport.
<b>Persons transiting for less than 24 hours</b> in an international zone.	

## LIST OF PRESSING GROUNDS FOR "RED" COUNTRIES

FROM A "RED" COUNTRY	TO A "RED" COUNTRY
<b>French nationals</b> , as well as their partners (spouses, civil partners, or cohabiters) and children.	<b>Foreign nationals returning to their country</b>
<b>European Union nationals</b> and those in the same category, as well as their partners (spouses, civil partners, or cohabiters) and children, who have their main residence in France.	<b>Death of a direct family member</b> (grandparents, parents, children and siblings) / <b>visit to a person in critical condition</b> for direct family members (grandparents, parents, children and siblings). Evidence required: death certificate, medical certificate certifying the situation of the person in critical condition, proof of family membership.
<b>Nationals of third countries with a valid European or French residence permit or long-stay visa</b> with their main residence in France (valid only if the outbound journey took place before 31 January 2021 or was justified by pressing grounds).	Visitors travelling to France to exercise <b>custodial rights</b> recognized by a court ruling. Evidence required: court ruling and evidence of place of residence.
<b>Nationals of third countries with a long-stay visa</b> delivered on the grounds of family reunification or family reunification of refugees, beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and stateless persons.	<b>Persons summoned by a judicial or administrative authority.</b> Evidence required: summons.
<b>Persons working in the land, sea and air transport sectors</b> and transport service providers, including drivers of any vehicle for transport of goods to be used in the French territory and those which are only in transit, or such persons travelling as passengers to reach their departure base or for the purpose of training.	Persons for whom it is <b>legally or economically impossible to remain</b> in the territory where they are located or who are subject to an expulsion measure. Evidence required: Expiring residence permit, evidence of severance, etc.
<b>Foreign nationals serving</b> in a diplomatic or consular mission or an international organization headquartered or having an office in France and their partners and children.	<b>Participants in a university exchange programme.</b> Evidence required: certificate of enrolment issued by the establishment.
<b>Persons transiting for less than 24 hours</b> in an international zone.	Travellers on grounds of <b>critical medical emergencies</b> (patient and an accompanying person, if the latter's presence is essential). Evidence required: medical certificate, evidence of scheduled hospitalization, etc.
	Persons on <b>assignments essential for an economic activity</b> , requiring physical presence, that cannot be postponed or of which postponement or cancellation would have disproportionate consequences (such as transport professionals). Evidence required: certificate from employer, professional ID of international goods transport, passenger transport and maritime transport crews.
	<b>Health professionals and researchers</b> helping to fight COVID-19 or taking part in cooperation activities of major interest in terms of health. Evidence required: professional ID.
	<b>Persons on occasional assignments linked to the exercise of public sector activities</b> (including diplomatic missions and assignments essential to the implementation of operational contracts of the armed forces or military corps) that cannot be postponed. Evidence required: professional ID, travel order.
	<b>High-level professional sportspeople</b> to take part in events approved by the Ministry of Sport. Evidence required: professional ID, certificate issued by event organizer in liaison with the Ministry of Sport.