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# French border reopening policy as of June 9

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**Fighting the Covid-19 epidemic**

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# TRAVEL FROM AND TO THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES

## Country classification as of June 2, 2021:

For travelers wishing to go abroad, it is necessary to find out in advance about any restrictions that may apply and are required by the countries of destination (more information on [www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs](http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs)).

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

As of June 9, the flow of travelers between France and foreign countries will be reopened in accordance with requirements that are consistent with the health situation in third countries and the vaccination of travelers.

A classification of countries has been defined on the basis of health indicators. The lists of countries are likely to be adapted according to the evolution of their epidemic situation (lists to be found on [www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus](http://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus)).

• **Green" countries:** no active traffic of the virus, no variants of concern identified.

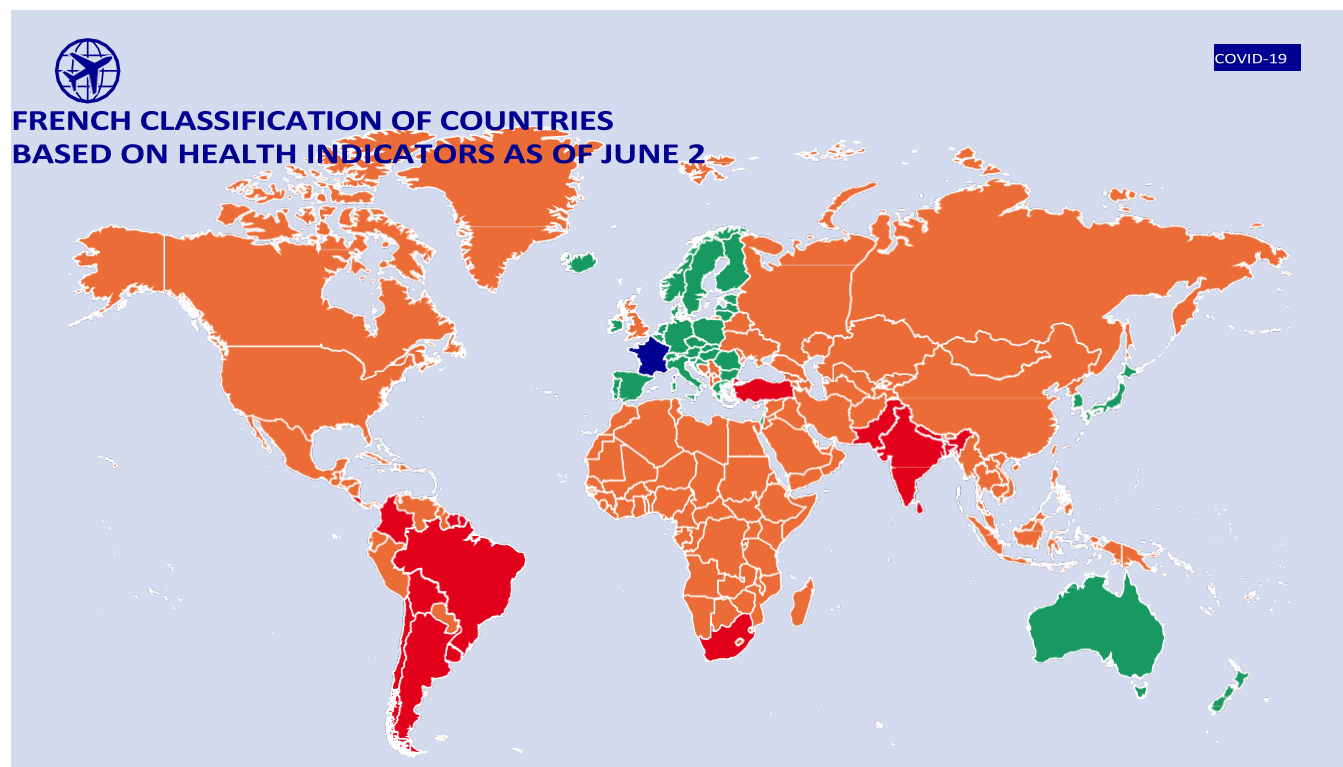
*European Area, Australia, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea.*

• **Orange" countries:** active circulation of the virus in controlled proportions, without the spread of variants of concern.

*All countries, excluding "green" and "red" countries.*

• **Red" countries:** active circulation of the virus, presence of variants of concern.

*Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Turkey, Uruguay.*



**France's borders will be reopened to travelers according to the following requirements:**

→ **The compelling reasons and quarantine measures applied to vaccinated adults are extended under the same conditions to accompanying minors, whether or not they are vaccinated.** \*Testing required 11 years old and up

	<b>Proof of vaccination</b> (vaccines recognized by the EMA)	<b>Compelling reason</b>	<b>Required test at boarding</b>	<b>Test required upon arrival</b>	<b>Quarantine measures</b>
<b>To a green country</b>	✓	∅ (subject to the rules of the country of destination)	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country
	I am not vaccinated	∅ (Subject to the rules of the country of destination)	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country
<b>From a green country</b>	✓	∅	∅	∅	∅
	I am not vaccinated	∅	Negative PCR test or antigen test < 72h	∅	∅
	<b>Proof of vaccination</b> (vaccines recognized by the EMA)	<b>Compelling reason</b> (see page 5)	<b>Required test at boarding</b>	<b>Test required upon arrival</b>	<b>Quarantine measures</b>
<b>To destination of an orange country</b>	✓	∅ (Subject to the rules of the country of destination)	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country
	I am not vaccinated	List of compelling reasons for orange countries (subject to the rules of the country of destination*)	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country
<b>From an orange country</b>	✓	∅	Negative PCR test < 72h or negative antigen test < 48h	∅	∅
	I am not vaccinated	List of compelling reasons for orange countries	Negative PCR test < 72h or negative antigen test < 48h	Random antigenic test	7-day self-isolation
	<b>Proof of vaccination</b> (vaccines recognized by the EMA)	<b>Compelling reason</b> (see page 6)	<b>Required test at boarding</b>	<b>Test required upon arrival</b>	<b>Quarantine measures</b>
<b>To destination from a red country</b>	✓	List of compelling reasons for red countries (subject to the rules of the country of destination*)	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country
	I am not vaccinated	List of compelling reasons for red countries (subject to the rules of the country of destination*)	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country	According to the rules of the destination country
<b>From from a red country</b>	✓	List of compelling reasons for red countries	Negative PCR test or negative antigen test < 48h	Systematic antigen test	7-day self-isolation
	I am not vaccinated	List of compelling reasons for red countries	Negative PCR test or negative antigen test < 48h	Systematic antigen test	Mandatory 10-day quarantine controlled by security forces

*The list with the most stringent rules applies.*

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

**The proof of vaccination is only valid on condition that it attests to the fulfilment of a complete vaccination timetable, that is:**



- 2 weeks after the 2<sup>nd</sup> injection for dual injection vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca);
- 4 weeks after the injection for vaccines with a single injection (Johnson & Johnson);
- 2 weeks after injection for vaccines in people with a history of Covid-19 (only 1 injection required)

## **TRAVEL WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION**



To travel within the European Union, it is not currently necessary to justify the reason for the trip, but pre-testing and quarantine requirements may apply.

From July 1<sup>st</sup>, the health pass will be recognized for travel within the European area, in the form of a European certificate.

The certificate may include proof of vaccination, a negative test result or proof of recovery from COVID within a 6-month period. Member states may also establish additional health measures if necessary and proportionate (for example: test, quarantine...).

## LIST OF COMPELLING REASONS FOR "ORANGE" COUNTRIES

TO AN "ORANGE" COUNTRY	FROM AN "ORANGE" COUNTRY
<b>Foreign nationals returning to their country.</b>	<b>French nationals</b> , as well as their spouse (married, civil union or cohabiting) and their children.
<b>Death of a family member in direct line</b> (grandparents, parents, children and siblings) / <b>Visit to a person with a life-threatening condition</b> , for family members in direct line (grandparents, parents, children and siblings) Required documents: death certificate or certificate of death, medical certificate establishing the situation of the person whose life is at risk and is between life and death, proof of the family link.	<b>A European Union national</b> or a person of equivalent status, as well as his or her spouse (married, civil union or cohabiting) and children, who has his or her main residence in France or who, while in transit through France, moves to his or her main residence in a European Union country or a country of equivalent status or the country of which he or she is a national.
<b>Travel to France to exercise a right of custody</b> recognized by a court decision. Required documents: court decision and proof of residence.	<b>Third-country nationals who hold a valid French or European residence permit or long-stay visa</b> and who have their main residence in France or who are in transit through France to their main residence in a European Union or similar country.
<b>Summons from a judicial or administrative authority.</b> Required document: summons by the administrative or judicial authority.	<b>British nationals</b> and their family members who are beneficiaries of the agreement for 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> in the exercise of their missions, persons working for the border police, customs officers. <b>Channel Tunnel staff</b> (especially for operations, maintenance and security) or cross-Channel facilities.
<b>Legal or economic impossibility to stay on the territory</b> where the person is in / execution of a deportation order. Required documents: expired residence permit, notice of dismissal, etc...	<b>Third-country nationals holding a long-stay visa</b> issued for family reunification or for refugees, beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and stateless persons.
<b>Participation in a university exchange program.</b> Required document: certificate of attendance issued by the institution.	<b>Foreign health or research professionals</b> involved in the fight against Covid-19, as well as their spouse (married, civil union or cohabiting partner upon presentation of proof of community of life) and their children.
<b>Vital medical emergency</b> (for the person and an accompanying person) if his presence is essential). Required documents: medical certificate, proof of scheduled hospitalization, etc...	<b>Foreign health or research professional</b> recruited as an associate trainee.
<b>Duties essential to the continuation of an economic activity</b> , requiring an on-site presence that cannot be postponed and whose postponement or cancellation would have manifest disproportionate consequences or would be impossible (including transport professionals). Documents required: employer's certificate, professional card for crews of international goods transport, international passenger transport, international maritime transport.	<b>Third-country nationals holding a "Passport Talent" VLS</b> , as well as their spouse (married, civil union or cohabiting partner upon presentation of proof of cohabitation) and children.
<b>Health or research professional</b> involved in the fight against Covid 19 or participating in cooperative operations of major interest in the field of health. Required document: professional ID.	<b>Student</b> enrolled in French as a foreign language (FLE) courses prior to an enrollment in higher education or admitted to oral examinations in higher French education institutions or registered for the 2021-2022 academic year; Researcher settling in France at the invitation of a research laboratory, for research activities requiring a physical presence, as well as his/her spouse (married, civil union, cohabiting partner upon presentation of proof of community of life) and his/her children.
<b>Specific duties linked to the exercise of public authority</b> (including diplomatic missions and missions essential to the continued execution of the operational contracts of the armed forces or military corps) that cannot be deferred or postponed. Required documents: professional ID, mission order.	<b>Worker in the land, sea and air transport sector</b> or transport service provider (including drivers of any vehicle transporting goods for use in the territory as well as those who are merely transiting or traveling as a passenger to position themselves at their base of departure or for training).
<b>High level professional sportsman</b> for participation in meetings validated by the Ministry of Sports. Required document: professional ID, certificate issued by the organizer in connection with the Ministry of Sports.	<b>Foreign national working</b> in a diplomatic or consular mission, or an international organization with a headquarters or office in France, as well as their spouse and children or a foreign national from a third country staying in France for imperative professional reasons under cover of a mission order issued by the State to which they belong.
	<b>Traveler in transit for less than 24 hours</b> in an international zone.

## LIST OF COMPELLING REASONS FOR "RED" COUNTRIES

TO A "RED" COUNTRY	FROM A "RED" COUNTRY
Foreign nationals returning to their country.	French nationals, as well as their spouse (married, civil union or cohabiting) and their children.
Death of a family member in direct line (grandparents, parents, children and siblings) / Visit to a person with a life-threatening condition, for family members in direct line (grandparents, parents, children and siblings) Required documents: death certificate or certificate of death, medical certificate establishing the situation of the person whose life is at risk and is between life and death, proof of the family link.	European Union national or assimilated, as well as his or her spouse (married, civil union or cohabiting) and children, having their main residence in France.
Travel to France to exercise a right of custody recognized by a court decision. Required documents: court decision and proof of residence.	Third-country national, holder of a valid French or European residence permit or long-stay visa, having his/her main residence in France (valid only if the trip abroad took place before January 31, 2021, or was justified by a compelling reason).
Summons from a judicial or administrative authority. Required document: summons by the administrative or judicial authority.	Third-country nationals holding a long-stay visa issued for family reunification or for refugees, beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and stateless persons.
Legal or economic impossibility to stay on the territory where the person is in / execution of a deportation order. Required documents: expired residence permit, notice of dismissal, etc...	Worker in the land, sea and air transport sector or transport service provider (including drivers of any vehicle transporting goods for use in the territory as well as those who are merely transiting or traveling as a passenger to position themselves at their base of departure or training).
Participation in a university exchange program. Required document: certificate of attendance issued by the institution.	Foreign national working in a diplomatic or consular mission, or an international organization with a headquarters or office in France, as well as their spouse and children.
Vital medical emergency (for the person as well as an accompanying person if his/her presence is indispensable). Required documents: medical certificate, proof of scheduled hospitalization, etc...	Traveler in transit for less than 24 hours in an international zone.
Duties essential to the pursuit of an economic activity, requiring a presence on site that cannot be postponed and whose postponement or cancellation would have manifestly disproportionate consequences or would be impossible (including transport professionals). Documents required: employer's certificate, professional ID for international transport crews of goods, international passenger transport, international maritime transport.	
Health or research professional involved in the fight against Covid 19 or participating in cooperative operations of major interest in the field of health. Required document: professional ID.	
Specific duties linked to the exercise of public authority (including diplomatic missions and missions essential to the continued execution of the operational contracts of the armed forces or military corps) that cannot be deferred or postponed. Required documents: professional ID, mission order.	
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