

COVID-19 BRIEF – FRANCE

In his address on Thursday 28 May, the French Prime Minister announced that the next end-of lockdown phase would begin on Tuesday 2 June. This is the result of a significant improvement in the health situation in France.

During this address, [a map of the health situation in all of France's metropolitan regions and overseas territories](#) was presented. The orange areas (Ile-de-France, Mayotte and French Guiana) on this map have more restrictive end-of-lockdown measures than the green ones.

The French Government has clarified what is now allowed or not allowed depending on the end-of-lockdown phase and the current health situation. You will find this information here : <https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19>

Effective 2 June, bars and restaurants will be able to reopen (open terraces only in “orange” areas), as well as museums, theatres, parks, beaches or cultural attractions. Gatherings of more than 5,000 people will remain prohibited until at least September.

Campsites, holiday villages and other collective accommodation will also be able to reopen; on 2 June in the ‘green’ zones with special rules for welcoming guests, and on 22 June for the ‘orange’ zones. For hotels, new health regulations will also come into force providing reassuring conditions for guests during their stay.

The Prime Minister also announced that the Government was in favour of reopening the internal borders of the European Union – including the Schengen area and the United Kingdom – as of 15 June, if the health situation permits, without the obligation of a fortnight's quarantine for travellers coming from European countries. France will apply the principle of reciprocity for those Member states that keep their borders closed for travellers coming from French territories or impose quarantine on them. The borders outside the European Union will remain closed at least until that date. A decision will then be taken at European level Mid June.

As of 2 June, the ban on travelling to a destination distant of more than 100km from one's place of residence will be lifted. It will then once again be possible to travel throughout

the country, including overseas, without a certificate. Travel between metropolitan France and the French overseas territories will continue to be subject to a form of fortnightly travel. Air travel will be opened more widely for the summer period.

Health measures

Health measures will be maintained in order to limit the spread of the virus and avoid a second wave of contamination. Those basic measures are :

- Wash your hands regularly or use a hydro-alcoholic solution
- Cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow or a handkerchief
- Blow your nose into a disposable handkerchief and then dispose of it
- Avoid touching your face
- Maintain a distance of at least one metre from other people
- Greet other people without shaking hands or embracing

Further measures will be announced by the Prime Minister on 21 June.