International students and researchers: France welcomes you and can vaccinate you!

France has done everything to help you reach your educational institution safely. Like all students and researchers in France, you will have the opportunity to be vaccinated if you want to and access free PCR tests.

For more information, please contact the French Consulate or the Campus France office in your country of residence.

How can I come to France?

The procedures for entering France depend on your country of origin and your vaccination status.

This document indicates your zone, based on your country, as of June 17, 2021. Please note that country lists are regularly updated as situations change during the pandemic.

Visit: https://tinyurl.com/ComingToFrance

“Green” countries

No particular restriction for entering France.

VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS: Vaccinated students and researchers must provide proof of full vaccination* and a sworn declaration certifying that they have no symptoms of Covid-19 and have not been in contact with anyone with a confirmed case in the 14 days leading up to their departure.

UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS: Unvaccinated students and researchers must provide proof of a negative PCR or antigen test within the last 72 hours and a sworn declaration certifying that they have no symptoms of Covid-19 and have not been in contact with anyone with a confirmed case in the 14 days leading up to their departure.
Acceptable vaccines in France are those recognized to date by the European Medicines Agency (EMA): Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, and Johnson & Johnson.

Full vaccination:
Two weeks after the second injection of a two-dose series (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca), four weeks after the injection for a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson), or two weeks after the injection for people with a history of Covid-19 (only one injection required).

Restrictions apply only to unvaccinated international students and researchers.

VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS: Vaccinated students and researchers must provide proof of full vaccination*, proof of a negative PCR test within the last 72 hours or a negative antigen test within the last 48 hours, and a sworn declaration certifying that they have no symptoms of Covid-19 and have not been in contact with anyone with a confirmed case in the 14 days leading up to their departure.

UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS: Unvaccinated students and researchers from "orange" countries must provide a compelling reason for coming to France and present the following when boarding:

- Proof of a negative PCR test within the last 72 hours or a negative antigen test within the last 48 hours
- A sworn declaration certifying that the traveler has no symptoms of Covid-19, has not been in contact with anyone with Covid-19 within the past 14 days, and has agreed to undergo a screening test upon arrival. This declaration also certifies that the traveler agrees to quarantine for 7 days after arriving and take a PCR test at the end of the quarantine period.
- An international travel certificate indicating the compelling reason for travel, along with the supporting documents.

List of students and researchers who can provide a compelling reason for entering France:

- Students enrolled in an FLE class (French as a Foreign Language) prior to enrolling in higher education;
- Students admitted to oral exams to enter French higher education institutions;
- Students enrolled in a higher education institution for the 2021-2022 academic year (including FLE);
- Researchers coming to France at the invitation of a research laboratory, for research activities that require a physical presence, along with their partner (married, civil union, or cohabiting partner with proof of partnership) and their children.

"Orange" countries

Borders are currently closed for international students and researchers from these countries. We invite you to submit your visa application that will be examined by the French Consulate pending a favourable evolution for its issuance.

"Red" countries

Lists of countries and travel certificates are available in French and English on the French Interior Ministry’s website:

https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-Ministere/Attestation-de-deplacement-et-de-voyage

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Steps to take when you arrive in France

Visa

When you arrive in France, you must validate your long-stay visa (VLS-TS) at:

https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/

This quick and easy process guarantees you a regular stay in France to complete your planned studies or research.

Social Security

To access the French healthcare system smoothly (including easy coverage of vaccinations and PCR tests), sign up for Social Security as soon as possible by visiting:

https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/

Accommodations and quarantine

If you are required to comply with a 7-day quarantine period upon arrival, stay home as much as possible, avoid contact with other people, monitor your temperature, and immediately report any symptoms to a doctor. It is recommended that you notify your host in advance so that they can take appropriate measures if necessary (disinfecting, etc.). Following the quarantine requirement is essential for protecting everyone's health. Let's all be cautious and responsible.

France Alumni

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