

# FISH&PIPS COVID FAQs: TRAVELLING TO FRANCE & IN RESORT

## VACCINATION STATUS

What is considered as fully vaccinated in France?

- From 15 January 2022, those who are aged 18-64 years old and who have been fully vaccinated for more than seven months will need to demonstrate they have received an approved COVID-19 booster injection in order to access the “pass vaccinal” in France. This applies to visiting tourists and those residing in France. You can access the QR code for your booster in the same way as for previous injections

## TRAVEL TO FRANCE & SWITZERLAND FROM OUTSIDE UK

What are the requirements for me to enter France or Switzerland?

Please check your individual requirements on the official websites below:

- France - <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/>
- Switzerland - <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/sem/aktuell/faq-einreiseverweigerung.html>

Your airline should advise you on what you will need to fly. We are also happy to point you in the right direction to find the information you need, so just ask!

## TRAVEL TO SWITZERLAND FROM UK

There is a transit corridor between Geneva and France, please see below the information from <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/switzerland/entry-requirements#entry-rules-in-response-to-coronavirus-covid-19> where full details can be found, but in summary:

In order to transit through Switzerland:

- You need to present proof of full Vaccination Certificate and your QR code
- If you are fully vaccinated you will no longer need to present a negative test result
- Unvaccinated children and adolescents arriving from the UK under the age of 18 are allowed to enter Switzerland if they are accompanied by fully vaccinated adults.

## TRAVEL TO FRANCE FROM UK

What testing and paperwork is required when crossing the border into France?

The UK is currently on the French Amber List. Entry requirements are different depending on whether you are fully vaccinated or not.

**Vaccinated:**

- Present a negative PCR or supervised antigen test result taken within 24 hours pre-departure if aged 12 years and over.
- Provide a completed ‘sworn statement’ (déclaration sur l’honneur) form self-certifying you’re not suffering from symptoms associated with coronavirus and have not been in contact with confirmed cases in the

preceding fortnight. This can be found on the French government's website:

<https://mobile.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-Ministere/Certificate-of-international-travel>

### **Unvaccinated:**

From the morning of 14 January, unvaccinated travellers will need to self-isolate on arrival in France for 10 days, subject to police checks. You must also provide:

- a negative PCR or antigen test result taken within 24 hours pre-departure if aged 12 years and over.
- contact details, including the address you will be staying at, to the French authorities before travel to France, via an online form: <https://passager.serveureos.org/>
- a completed international travel form to prove the reason for essential travel. This can be found on the French government's website: <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/.../06-01-2022-attestation...> In exceptional circumstances, the French Consulate in London may be able to assist with travel for a compelling reason not listed as an 'essential reason for travel'. <https://uk.ambafrance.org/-Consulate-in-London->
- a completed 'sworn statement' (déclaration sur l'honneur) form self-certifying you are not suffering from symptoms associated with coronavirus and have not been in contact with confirmed cases in the preceding fortnight. This can be found on the French government's website: <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/.../06-01-2022-engagement...>

For travel from France to the UK, the UK will be subject to France's 'red list' rules on essential reasons for travel. More information is available here: <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/.../Attestation-de...>

## **TRAVEL FROM FRANCE TO THE UK**

### **Before you travel to the UK (England, Scotland and Wales) – fully vaccinated**

Before you travel to England you must:

- [book and pay for a COVID-19 test](#) – to be taken after you arrive in the UK (from 11<sup>th</sup> February this will not be required)
- [complete a passenger locator form](#) – to be completed in the 48 hours before you arrive in the UK

If you're in the UK for less than 2 days, you still need to book and pay for a day 2 COVID-19 test.

### **When you arrive in the UK – fully vaccinated (from 11<sup>th</sup> February this will not be required)**

After you arrive in the UK you must take a COVID-19 test. This is the test that you booked before travel. You can book either a lateral flow test or a PCR test.

You can take the test any time after you arrive and before the end of day 2 at the latest. The day you arrive is day 0.

If your test result is positive, you must self-isolate.

If your lateral flow test result is positive, you must also take a PCR test.

## IN RESORT – PASS SANITAIRE, TESTING & COVID GUIDELINES

### **What is the French Health Pass and what is it called?**

The French Health Pass is called the Pass Vaccinal and it is used to demonstrate your “Vaccination Status” – in order to obtain this you need to demonstrate that you have been fully vaccinated or have recovered from Covid in the last six months (for the latter you will need to produce a positive Covid PCR test result older than 11 days but no older than 180 days).

This applies to everyone over the age of 16 from 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **What does the Pass Sanitaire allow you to do?**

It allows you to enter bars, cafes, restaurants, cinemas, long distance public transport, theatres, events of 50 people or more, and ski lifts.

### **Do you require a Pass Sanitaire to go on chairlifts?**

Yes, this is a requirement to access all lifts. You will be checked at the lift pass office, ski lift departure points, at the start of ski lessons and entrance to slope-side restaurants. There will be random checks at the bottom of lifts and also out in the general ski area. We recommend carrying a paper copy of your vaccine QR code in case your phone battery dies in the cold.

### **Who is required to have the Pass Vaccinal?**

The pass is required for all those over the age of 16

### **How do I acquire the Passe Vaccinal?**

If you were vaccinated in England or Wales (note there are different processes for those vaccinated in Scotland and Northern Ireland) you will need to download the French **TOUSANTICOVID App** to your phone.

You then need to scan your most recent NHS QR code into the App or demonstrate your vaccination status with one of the following:

- Proof of vaccination
- A positive RT-PCR or antigen test result showing recovery from COVID-19, dated at least 11 days old and less than six months old.

If you do not have a Smart Phone you are able to print or present the QR codes in digital form which will be recognised by the professionals checking the pass. We advise having a printed copy on you regardless, just in case!

### **If my teenager (12-15 years) is unvaccinated, can they be tested in order to use the Pass Vaccinal?**

If your teenager aged 12-15 is not fully vaccinated they are able to still use the Passe Sanitaire which is the same as the Passe Vaccinal but permits the use of a negative test result taken in the last 24 hours to demonstrate their Covid status. This must be a supervised Antigen Test with a certified result.

All unvaccinated individuals between the ages of 12-16 years will need to have a negative test, either a PCR or observed antigen within the last **24 hours** in order to use the Pass Sanitaire.

### **Where in Meribel can you obtain a Covid test, how easy is this and what is the cost?**

You will be able to book a Covid test (PCR or Antigen) in Méribel at the Olympic Centre and Mottaret. Appointments are available to book online a few weeks in advance. The cost is approximately €22 (Antigen) and €46 (PCR) each. You may even be able to swing past the Mottaret testing centre on your skis if this is

more convenient - this is still to be confirmed! We advise you booking these appointments as soon as possible. Please contact Lucy on the booking process as she'll be able to provide you with some helpful tips!

Book your test here: <https://covid.synlab.fr/static?reverse&groupe=COVID3VALLEES#/F143/appointment>

### **Can Fish&Pips offer transport to the testing centre?**

Yes, provided you have booked a test in resort.

### **Will the Pass Vaccinal still be in place when I travel?**

The French government has announced that the Pass Vaccina will be in place until at least July 2022

### **Will the Pass Vaccinal obligation be reviewed for children over 12 years?**

It is being regularly reviewed. We recommend keeping a close eye on the AMBA France website for most up to date information. We will inform guests travelling with children over the age of 12 as soon as we have updated information.

### **Where are you required to wear face masks?**

You will be required to wear a mask when in any indoors public places such as shops, bars, restaurants, cinemas, museums, and offices. When entering a restaurant you need to wear a mask when circulating around the restaurant but can remove it when you are seated.

### **Are face masks required on chairlifts?**

Social distancing measures will be in place when you are in a queue for a ski lift. Wearing a mask is compulsory in all ski lifts, in indoor and outdoor lift queues, as well as in points of sale (from 11 years old). It needs to be a medical mask or specialist snood with medical mask included, not just a face covering.

### **USEFUL LINKS:**

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/switzerland/entry-requirements>

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>

<https://www.skipass-meribel.com/en/covid19>

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/>

<https://uk.ambafrance.org/COVID-19-rules-for-travel-between-France-and-the-UK-28918>

<https://uk.ambafrance.org/Health-pass-and-vaccination-in-the-UK>

\*Note the information is based on information from official Government websites. This is a guide only, for accurate and update information please refer to the websites themselves. This document was updated 11.01.22.

Due to the ever-changing situation of the current pandemic, we are monitoring the situation very closely and will endeavour to update you where possible. However, we advise all our guests to ensure you have adequate travel insurance to cover your individual requirements. We would also advise you keep abreast of any updates to travel requirements to your chosen destination such as PCR testing and quarantine rules. For France specifically these can be found <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>. Fish and Pips cannot take responsibility for any travel disruptions or cancellations due to requirements not being followed.