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Pass Sanitaire – access for non-EU tourists and French Nationals

Non-EU Travellers:

A new process has been introduced in France to enable non-EU tourists who have been fully vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency (Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson) to access the **Pass Sanitaire system.**

The Pass Sanitaire system requires individuals to scan a QR code to demonstrate their vaccination status in order to enter certain venues or events or transport. The new process is for non-EU tourists who are not able to access the EU Digital Covid Certificate or who do not have a QR code on their vaccination certificate. The new application process is available to residents from the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

Applications from non-EU tourists can be made by downloading a request form from either of the following websites:

Applying for a COVID certificate if you were vaccinated abroad (procedure for non-EU tourists) - Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (diplomatie.gouv.fr)

<u>COVID 19 - TRAVEL INFO - HEALTH PASS - France in the United Kingdom - La France au Royaume-Uni (ambafrance.org)</u>

Request forms then need to be emailed to area3.covid-pass@diplomatie.gouv.fr along with a copy of your passport, vaccination certificates and return travel tickets. Further information on how to apply is set out on the websites above. Please note we are seeking clarification on whether the request process applies to those travelling on private vessels.

We have not been advised how long it will take for applications to be processed. Currently this process is open to non-EU tourists who are already in France or who will arrive on or before 15 August, and requests concerning later arrivals will be processed at a later date.

French Nationals who live in the Bailiwick:

There is a separate process for **French nationals** who live in the Bailiwick which is accessible on the French government website (<u>Application for a health pass in the event of vaccination abroad outside the EU (procedure for French nationals and their beneficiaries) - Ministry of <u>Europe and Foreign Affairs (diplomatie.gouv.fr)</u>). Details of the required documents and the process to request a health pass are set out on that website.</u>

This website specifically references Guernsey and outlines the process for French nationals who have been vaccinated outside the EU to be able to apply for a French health pass. Initially, this system is for individuals already in France of the EU or arriving in France before 31 August. Requests concerning arrival at a later date will be processed at a later date.

Any questions on either process should be directed to the French Government or the French Embassy in London (contact details are available on the websites listed above).

Requests for a QR code for use with the Pass Sanitaire system using either of the above processes will facilitate access to certain venues or events within France. If you are planning to travel you should also ensure that you can comply with any public health or visa requirements in place at the border in order to enter France.

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