



BRIEFING NOTE

BFI EXTERNAL AFFAIRS – 2021

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Travel Advice for Cannes 2021

This briefing is to help industry professionals who are planning to visit the Cannes Film Festival – 6-17 July 2021. It is taken from guidance on the Gov.uk sites, from the French Government sites and other trusted sources. The guidance is accurate as at the date of the document, but it is subject to change at very short notice. We will update it as frequently as possible.

The UK is currently on France's 'amber' list. Likewise, France is on the UK's 'amber list'.

UPDATE: 30 June

The Cannes Film Festival and Marché du Film have negotiated a quarantine exemption for those NOT yet fully vaccinated. This is ONLY available to those who have Marché or Festival accreditation. If you qualify it will mean you no longer have to self-isolate for 7 days after arrival. Once you are accredited the Festival will send you the necessary documents you need. See below for details

PREVIOUS UPDATES:

We've changed the link to the '[déclaration sur l'honneur](#)' that you need to complete for travel to France (see advice below). Note: You may need to scroll down below the world map to see the filters that steer you to the right page ('travel to/from an amber country'; and enter Metropolitan France)

If you are traveling to France you may be asked at the border to prove that you have confirmed accommodation, a return ticket or the means to purchase one, sufficient resources for your stay, and health insurance. For more details see [here](#). Note: if you are staying in a private residence your host may need to complete what's called an *Attestation d'Accueil* - see [here](#).

Healthcare cover abroad: if you still have an existing EHIC card (European Health Insurance Card) it will remain valid until it expires, then you can apply for a new UK EHIC. See [here](#) for more information. Note: It should not be regarded as a substitute for travel insurance.

If you are fully vaccinated

Travelling from the UK to France

If you are fully vaccinated you do NOT need to have an essential reason to travel to France and you do NOT need to self-isolate on arrival.

However, you DO need to be able to present the following:

1. EITHER a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours of your departure to France, OR a negative antigen test taken within 48 hours of departure. See [here](#)
2. A completed *déclaration sur l'honneur*, or sworn statement, self-certifying that you are not suffering from any symptoms associated with coronavirus AND that have not been in contact with confirmed cases in the preceding fortnight. You can find the statement template [here](#). You may need to use filters to take you to the right forms (see update box above)
3. Proof of vaccination status – eg a copy of your NHS vaccine letter or other communication, or a certificate if issued; also acceptable is the NHS app that demonstrates your status. Appointment cards should NOT be used as proof
4. It is important you also [read this page](#) on the French Government site and in particular the section at the end where it gives guidance on proof of vaccination – just to double check

NB: According to the UK Gov.uk site, you should not use the NHS testing service to get a test in order to facilitate your travel to another country. You should arrange to take a private test from a [private coronavirus testing provider](#).

Returning to the UK from France

1. If you are fully vaccinated, you are NOT required to present an essential reason for travel back to the UK. No UK citizen or resident should be prevented from leaving France to travel to the UK
2. Before you travel to the UK you must
 - a. [Take a Covid-19 test](#) and provide evidence that it is negative up to 3 days before departure. If you do not comply (and you do not have a valid exemption) your airline or carrier may refuse you boarding and/or you may be fined on arrival

You can access tests in France via the [French government's website](#) [in French]
 - b. [Book and pay for day 2 and day 8 Covid-19 travel tests](#) – to be taken AFTER arrival in the UK
 - c. [Complete a Passenger Locator Form](#)

3. On arrival in the UK you must
 - a. Quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 days, or pay for a private test on day 5 under the [Test to Release](#) scheme
 - b. Either way, you will need to take a Covid-19 test on or before day 2 and on or after day 8
4. Do check the specific national guidance that applies to you on return to the UK as each may differ between [England](#), [Scotland](#), or [Wales](#)

If you are NOT fully vaccinated [updated 30 June]

Travelling from the UK to France – only if you have Festival/ Marché accreditation

UPDATE: the Cannes Film Festival and Marché du Film have negotiated a quarantine exemption for those NOT yet fully vaccinated and who ARE accredited for the Festival/ Marché. Provided you complete the documentation they send you, then you will no longer have to self-isolate for 7 days after arrival.

On arrival in France you will need to present the following:

1. a travel certificate - *Attestation Grands Evénements*. The Festival will send all accredited visitors a copy in French and which includes an official Festival stamp on it. This is the version you need to complete (NOT the English version) and sign before departure to France
2. your visa letter (downloadable from your online personal accreditation account)
3. A completed sworn statement - *déclaration sur l'honneur*. This is your self-certification that you are not suffering from any symptoms associated with coronavirus AND that have not been in contact with confirmed cases. Again, once you are accredited the Festival will send you the form to complete.
4. Proof of a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure, OR an antigen test within 48 hours of departure. There will be random antigen testing for unvaccinated arrivals

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Travelling from the UK to France – if you DO NOT have Festival/ Marché accreditation

If you have not yet been fully vaccinated and you do not have Festival accreditation, you DO need to prove that your trip is for essential reasons, you WILL need to self-isolate for 7 days after arrival and take a PCR test following that period, and you WILL need to present the following:

1. A completed [international travel certificate](#) within which you stipulate the essential reason for travel. If your reason for travel is not listed, you may be able to get

assistance from the [French Consulate](#) in London

2. A completed *déclaration sur l'honneur*, or sworn statement, self-certifying that you are not suffering from any symptoms associated with coronavirus AND that have not been in contact with confirmed cases in the preceding fortnight, AND, and that you will self-isolate for seven days after arrival. You can find the statement template [here](#)
3. A negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure, OR an antigen test within 48 hours of departure. There will be random antigen testing for unvaccinated arrivals
4. **Remember, if you do not have Festival/Marché accreditation you WILL be required to self-isolate for 7 days after arrival in France and take a PCR test following that period**

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Returning to the UK from France

1. The UK is subject to the French government's amber list requirements. If you are NOT fully vaccinated and wish to travel from France to the UK you must complete a [Certificate to leave Metropolitan France](#), which specifies exemptions for travel

2. Before you travel to the UK you must

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Further guidance sources

Look up the specific requirements for your international country of destination:

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

See here for the UK Government advice on quarantine: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england)

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See here for the French Government site/ Certificate of International Travel:

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