



PRESS RELEASE

Covid 19: Reminders of protocols and instructions (Friday July 10, 2020)

Following publication of law # 2020-856 dated July 9, 2020 in the Official Journal, organizing the end of the health emergency state, the Collectivity of Saint-Barthélemy wishes to issue several reminders and updates on the instructions and protocols applicable to travelers to or from the island.

- 1) Travelers from a State outside the Schengen area must have a negative PCR test carried out three clear days before their flight to enter the territory of Saint-Barthélemy. This obligation has been applicable since Friday July 10, 2020.
- 2) Travelers from Metropolitan France or from a State belonging to the Schengen area, via Guadeloupe, must either present a negative PCR test carried out three clear days before their flight, or be tested within 24 hours of their arrival on the island (compulsory self-isolation while waiting for the result). The Collectivity stresses that the law dated July 9, 2020 authorizes the Government to make compulsory by decree the presentation of a test carried out within 72 hours before travelling from Metropolitan France to Saint-Barthélemy, via Guadeloupe, boarding being refused if the test is not presented. Such a decree has not yet been issued. However, if it should be in the coming days, it will be communicated immediately to the population.
- 3) Travelers from Metropolitan France, via Juliana Airport to Sint-Maarten, must present a negative PCR test carried out within 72 hours before travelling to be able to transit through Sint-Maarten.
- 4) No negative PCR test is required from travelers departing from Saint-Barthélemy to Metropolitan France or the Schengen area. This test exemption applies both to travelers passing through Juliana and Pointe-à-Pitre.
- 5) The health protocol requires that each traveler arriving in Saint-Barthélemy, whatever their origin, (except for travelers coming from Martinique, Guadeloupe, Saint-Martin and Sint-Maarten - the inter-island « Green zone » - who are still exempt from the tests before departure, on arrival or at D+7) carry out a PCR test 7 days after their arrival on the island. This second test is essential to guarantee the health of your family and friends and the health security of the island.
- 6) Children under the age of 11 are exempt from the test requirement.
- 7) Finally, let's continue to comply with protective measures and social distancing. This remains the best possible protection.

Since no new cases have been recorded in Saint-Martin or Saint-Barthélemy during the last seven days, the Regional Health Agency ARS Guadeloupe has decided not to publish a health report for the northern islands this week.

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