

FRANCE

COVID 19

18 Mar 2020

Quarantine

From March 17th at 12:00, and for 15 minimum days, even if you don't have any symptoms, you don't can leave home without a valid reason that may be subject to control by the law enforcement.

You can leave the house by completing an individual declaration:

1. to and from work, and for business trips inevitable;
2. for health reasons;
3. To do your essential errands;
4. For compelling family reasons, the assistance of vulnerable people;
5. for short journeys, to close to home, linked to the activity individual physics of the persons to exclusion from any sporting practice collective, and to the needs of the animals of company.

Check points are in place and controls are performed by Police & Army.

Violation will be punished by a fine of 135 euros (375 euros if the offence is repeated).

Business consequences

1. Shops closed

↳ Which establishments are subject to mandatory closure?

In order to slow the spread of COVID-19, several categories of establishments are no longer open to the public until April 15, 2020:

- Auditoriums, conference rooms, meeting rooms, theatres and multi-purpose rooms (e.g. cinemas);
- Shopping centers and businesses other than those authorized to remain open;
- Restaurants and public houses;
- Dance halls and games rooms;
- Libraries, documentation centers;
- Exhibition halls;
- Covered sports facilities;



- Museums.
- Hotel restaurants and bars, with the exception of "room service", are considered to fall under the category "restaurants and public houses" and therefore cannot accommodate the public. Businesses which can no longer accommodate customers may continue their delivery and order-collection activities.

In addition, cruise ships and passenger ships carrying more than 100 passengers are prohibited from calling at Corsica, and are prohibited from calling at or anchoring in the inland and territorial waters of the overseas departments and regions, as well as Saint-Barthélemy and Saint-Martin, Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon, and Wallis and Futuna, unless an exemption is granted by the representative of the State competent for those same collectivities.

↳ Which establishments are authorized to receive the public?

All establishments essential to the life of the Nation, including closed or open food markets and food shops (including food drives), pharmacies, gas stations, banks, tobacco shops and press distribution.

In view of their contribution to the life of the Nation, public services also remain open, including those providing transport services.

All meals-on-wheels services remain available, and establishments in the category "restaurants and public houses" are allowed to maintain their take-away and delivery activities.

Hotels are treated as private homes and therefore remain open and their room service remains available. However, hotel restaurants and bars may not serve the public.

Pet shops also remain open.

Please contact us to have full detail shops categories opened.

2. Travel advisories

The President announced the closure of the external borders of the European area, i.e. the European Union, the Schengen area and the United Kingdom, from March 17th at 12:00 for 30 days.

It is necessary to restrict international movements as far as possible.



3. What are the support measures and useful contacts to accompany you?

In response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak, the government has put in place immediate business support measures :

1. Deadlines for the payment of social and/or fiscal installments (social contributions as Urssaf, direct taxes) ;
2. In the most difficult situations, direct tax rebates that can be decided in the individualized review of applications;
3. The deferral of payment of rent, water, gas and electricity bills for the smallest companies in difficulty ;
4. Aid of € 1 500 for the smallest firms, the self-employed and the small and medium-sized enterprises, microenterprises in the most affected sectors thanks to the solidarity fund financed by the State and the Regions;
5. The mobilization of the State of € 300 billion to guarantee treasury, banking services that businesses may need as a result of the epidemic;
6. Support from the State and the 'Banque de France' (credit mediation) to negotiate with its bank a rescheduling of bank loans ;
7. The maintenance of employment in companies through the simplified short-time working scheme and reinforced;
8. Support for the handling of a conflict with customers or suppliers by the companies ;
9. The recognition by the State and local authorities of the Coronavirus as a case of strength major for their public contracts. Consequently, for all state and local government procurement and of local authorities, penalties for delays will not be applied.

Please contact us for detail measures.

French assistance:

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

The situation in France is currently relatively serious. However, we remain at your side to provide the best possible support to companies established in France or which have economic interests in France.

Our offices are currently closed and our employees work remotely. Please use below information to contact us.

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