



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.

Bruno MAGRAS

President of the Territorial Council