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# 1. Introduction

Please note the federal government will communicate new decisions re: summer on July 1.

What are the requirements for an international traveller when arriving in Belgium and when they return to their country or travel to a third country?

## 2. Classification of EU countries and 3<sup>rd</sup> countries, as applied by Belgium

### 2.1 Belgian colour codes for travel within the European Union, Schengen Zone and Switzerland

Update 21 June – Belgium follows the [ECDC colour codes](#)

Land/regio	Green	Orange	Red
Switzerland	All other regions	Lake Geneva Region, Eastern Switzerland & Central Switzerland	/
Cyprus	/	Volledig	/
Germany	All other regions	Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Freiburg, Tübingen & Saarland	/
Denmark	All other regions	Capital Region of Denmark, Zealand, Central Jutland & North Jutland	/
Estonia	/	Volledig	/
Greece	All other regions	Attica, South Aegean, Crete, Central Macedonia, Western Macedonia, Thessaly, Ionian Islands, Western Greece, Central Greece	/
Italy	All other regions	Aosta Valley, Campania, Basilicata, Calabria, Sicily	/
Spain	2 regions	Asturias, Cantabria, Basque Country, Navarre, Comunidad de Madrid, Castilla y León, Extremadura, Catalonia, Murcia, Ceuta, Canary Islands, Melilla	La Rioja, Aragón, Castilla-La Mancha, Andalusia

France	South Corsica, Martinique	All other regions	French Guiana, Réunion, Saint Martin, Polynésie française & Saint-Barthélémy
Croatia	All other regions	City of Zagreb, North Croatia	/
Ireland	/	All regions	/
Luxemburg	/	All regions	/
Latvia	/	All regions	/
Lithuania	/	All regions	/
Lichtenstein	/	All regions	/
Netherlands	/	/	All regions
Norway	All other regions	Oslo and Viken, Adger and South Eastern Norway	/
Portugal	Region of Madeira	All other regions	/
Slovenia	/	All regions	/
Sweden	/	All other regions	Småland and the islands, North Middle Sweden en Upper Norrland
Monaco	/	All regions	/
Andorra	/	All regions	/
Vatican	/	All regions	/
Poland	All regions	/	/
Slovakia	All regions	/	/
Czechia	All regions	/	/
Hungary	All regions	/	/
Roumania	All regions	/	/
Bulgaria	All regions	/	/

## 2.2 White list = List of 3<sup>rd</sup> countries for which the EU has lifted the restrictions

The countries below have colour code ORANGE or GREEN. To come to Belgium, they'll need proof of full vaccination, a recent PCR test or proof of recovery. There's no quarantine.

Belgium generally follows this advice from the EU. However, most of them have very strict restrictions when residents come back from Belgium. Some still have a travel ban.

Asia/Pacific	Europe/Middle East/Africa	Americas
Australia	Israël	USA
New Zealand	Lebanon	
Singapour	North Macedonia	
Thailand	Albania	
South Korea	Serbia	
Taiwan	Rwanda	
Hong Kong		
Macau		
Japan		

All other countries are RED. See above for the measures for travellers from red countries.

## 2.3 Black list = List of countries for which Belgium announced a travel ban

The borders are closed for travellers from all the countries in this list. Only Belgian nationals coming from these countries are granted access to the Belgian territory. On arrival, they have to follow the measures for travellers from a RED zone.

Asia/Pacific	Europe/Middle East	Americas	Africa
Nepal	United Kingdom	Brazil	Botswana
India	Jordan	Bolivia	South Africa
Bangladesh	Qatar	Paraguay	RD Congo
Pakistan	Georgia	Uruguay	Uganda
		Chili	Zimbabwe
		Trinidad & Tobago	Swaziland
		Colombia	Lesotho
		Argentina	Namibië
		Suriname	Mozambique
		Peru	

## 3. Which conditions does a traveller to Flanders need to fulfil?

### 3.1 Detailed overview

	Until June 30	Starting July 1
Travel from EU/Schengen for tourism	Strongly discouraged	Allowed
Travel from outside EU/Schengen for tourism	Only for essential purposes (limited list)	Investigating if this also for tourism
Digital Corona Certificate (full vaccination, recent Cv infection, PCR test)	In preparation, not yet operational	When travelling from a RED zone, you need the Certificate to enter Belgium
When do you need a negative PCR test before arrival?	When you travel from a RED zone	You travel from a RED zone AND you're not fully vaccinated (+2 weeks) or don't have proof of a recent recovery from Cv-19.
When are you exempt from the PCR test?	RED zone: if you spend less than 48hrs and you don't travel by plane or boat You travel from an ORANGE/GREEN zone	You travel from a RED zone but you have been vaccinated or have proof of recovery You travel from an ORANGE/GREEN zone
When do you need to complete the a Passenger Locator Form?	You stay more than 48hrs, regardless the zone you come from	You stay more than 48hrs, regardless where you come from
Mandatory quarantine and mandatory testing	The PLF decides if your high risk and informs you, usually before departure  Coming from a red zone, quarantine is almost automatic All travellers from UK, South Africa, South America and India	The PLF decides if your high risk and informs you, usually before departure. Based on the PLF, quarantine can be imposed. <b>However if you travel with the Certificate there is no quarantine.</b>
When do you need a Business Travel Abroad form?	This form doesn't exist anymore starting June 16. Use PLF only.	\
Travel from outside the EU/Schengen	See all conditions above	Full vaccination (+2 weeks) with a vaccine recognized by EMA, PCR test on arrival, quarantine if test is positive
Travel from very high risk area (variants of concern)	Unclear what is meant, best apply rules for travel from a red zone. The PLF will indicate if you're allowed to	This refers to the countries that are blacklisted by the Belgian authorities. The borders are closed and no travel is

travel and if you need to quarantine. I'd assume travel is not allowed.

allowed. Belgians who return from these areas need to follow the measures for RED zones.

### 3.2 The Digital Corona Certificate for trips in the EU

Any EU citizen who has proof of sufficient vaccination (+2weeks) will be able to travel to and from any part of the EU without PCR tests or self-isolation. Please note there is a travel ban for the UK.

To prove your status re: vaccination, PCR test, recover, the best solution is to download your local Digital Corona Certificate app.

Every member state is developing their own app, which generates a qr code that can be read in every country in the EU. In Belgium it's CovidSafe.be.

How will it work? Most of the apps will be linked with other databases and show

- Your vaccination status
- The result of a very recent PCR test
- Proof of your recovery from Covid

We should encourage all our contacts who want to come to Belgium for a trip, and all tourists, to get the Certificate, because crossing borders will be much easier if you have it.

If you don't download the app, you can still travel, but you'll have to have documents proving your status and you may need to comply with extra demands.

The easiest way to find the most recent information about travel from Belgium to another country is through the EU app 'Reopen Europe': <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/>

Here you can find :

- The map of Europe with colour codes per region.
- Current restrictions in every country
- Entry conditions for every country

Brexit oblige, the UK is no longer included on this website!

## 4. Requirements for visitors to Belgium when they return to their country of residence

### 4.1 How can international travellers get a PCR test before leaving Belgium?

Travellers may need a PCR test to travel back to their home country or to continue their journey to another country. As they don't have a Belgian identity number or a Belgian general practitioner (huisarts), many test centres can't accommodate them.

These are the test facilities which can register foreign travellers:

- Brussels:
  - o Midi Station (open every day from 9:30 to 23:30)
  - o [Brussels Airport](#)
  - o [Testing facilities located in Brussels](#): Pacheco (city centre), Molenbeek, Albert, Merode, Schaarbeek, Anderlecht
  
- Antwerpen: Wilrijkse Plein/Antwerpen Expo: <https://antwerpen.testcovid.be/>
- Gent: University hospital (UZ)
- Brugge: AZ Sint-Jan hospital (weekdays between 8 and 16:45) and AZ Sint-Lucas hospital (daily between 9 and 12)
- Charleroi Airport <https://www.brussels-charleroi-airport.com/en/news/COVID-19-test-center>
- Private laboratories in any city, mostly by appointment

There may be regional test centres which can accommodate international travellers, but there's no specific list available.

The PCR test costs minimum 47EUR and needs to be paid on the spot. It's not a fixed price so it can be higher and especially private laboratories ask a higher fee.

**Important: when a traveller takes a PCR test during their stay in Belgium, e.g. before re-entry in their country, and that test is positive, they have to self-isolate IMMEDIATELY in Belgium. They can't leave the country and train/bus/airline companies can't allow them to travel. This means they have to stay 7 to 10 days extra and take extra tests.**

How to self-isolate? <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/quarantine-isolation/>

Travellers from the European Union should be advised to bring proof of their European social security in case they need to get a doctor's appointment or go to the hospital.

## 4.2 Overview of requirements for visitors who travel back to their country

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### 4.2.1 Netherlands: Dutch visitors arriving in Belgium and returning to the Netherlands

**UPDATE JUNE 2: NEW RULES FOR PCR TEST when traveling by car!**

This handy app contains all the information for Dutch travellers:

<https://app.nos.nl/op3/vakantieplanner/#/?land=belgi%C3%AB>

Belgium is considered 'orange' so travel to Belgium is not advised.

**RETURN** from BE to NL

Travel by car, less than 12hrs in BE:

- No PCR test and no quarantine

Travel by any means (car, ferries, international trains, ships...), more than 12 hrs in BE:

- A negative PCR test for all travellers above 13 prior to arrival in the Netherlands
- 10-day quarantine

#### 4.2.2 Germany – update is being prepared

Belgium is no longer considered as a risk area. Update is being prepared.

**RETURN** from BE to DE

*Non-vaccinated travellers from Belgium*

- PCR test prior to boarding or arriving in Germany => In Belgium
- 10-day mandatory quarantine (shorter with a negative test after a few days)

*Fully vaccinated travellers (or with proof of recovery from Cv-19) from Belgium can be exempt from the test before arrival and mandatory quarantine.*

*No exemptions for shorter stays.*

#### 4.2.3 France

**RETURN** from BE to FR

Fully vaccinated travellers (= 2 weeks after the 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination, or 2 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> for J&J) can enter the country without restrictions

Not fully vaccinated travellers:

- A negative PCR test prior to arrival => in Belgium
- A 7-day quarantine is advised, but is not mandatory

French living close to a border: no test and quarantine if they fulfil the following conditions:

- They stay in a radius of 30 km from their home
- AND their trip is max. 24hrs long

#### 4.2.4 Spain

**RETURN** from BE to ES

Belgium is a risk area, so travellers need proof of vaccination, recovery or a PCR test (48hrs).

Travellers can use the Digital Certificate. They can bring paperwork as proof of a recent (48hrs) PCR test, recovery or full vaccination.

#### 4.2.5 Italy

##### RETURN from BE to IT

Travellers can use the Digital Certificate starting July 1. They can bring paperwork as proof of a recent (48hrs) PCR test, recovery (valid 6 months) or full vaccination.

If unable to show a negative test result, a quarantine of 10 days is mandatory

The regions may have stricter measures.

#### 4.2.6 United Kingdom (no longer EU zone)

##### ARRIVAL IN BE

- **Belgian borders are closed** for any traveller from the UK, except for Belgian nationals.

##### RETURN to UK

All travellers:

- Negative PCR test before arrival => in Belgium
- Book 2 tests in the UK before departure and show proof at the border
- Mandatory 10-day self-isolation

#### 4.3 Other countries

For the EU countries, please check [www.reopen.eu](http://www.reopen.eu) as the restrictions are changing quickly. I can help you to find them.

## 5. Current measures in Belgium/will be added

### 5.1 Bars, restaurants, ...

Open until 23:30

Indoor and outdoor dining

Overview travel restrictions to and from Belgium – V9 21/06/2021  
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Tables for 4 people max.

Wear a mask when you move around.

## 5.2 Face masks

Face masks are mandatory

- on all public transport, in all railway/metro stations and at all bus and tram stops, even outside
- in all shops and all indoor public spaces (museums, ...)
- in all bars, restaurants and hotels when you move around

In some city centers, a mask is mandatory when you're outside, if you can keep enough distance. You'd better always have a mask on you.

- Brussels
  - o City center (1000 BXL): mandatory only in Nieuwstraat/Rue Neuve
  - o Other communes: most decided to no longer impose masks

## 5.3 Physical distance

You're required to keep a distance of 1,5m from everyone at all times, except your close contacts (limited to your household, and the 2 close contacts of your household). From July on, we will be allowed to have more close contacts.