Information regarding quarantine measures for individuals arriving by aircraft in French Polynesia

1/ Who could be placed in quarantine upon arrival in French Polynesia?

Quarantine measures for individuals taken in accordance with the French Public Health Code and the decree No. 2021-699 of June 1st, 2021, aforementioned, by order of the High Commissioner, following the proposal of the Minister of Health in French Polynesia, only concern people who have not been vaccinated or who are not fully vaccinated¹, aged 12 or over, arriving in French Polynesia.

This decision is individually² notified by the border police of French Polynesia. The public prosecutor and the liberties and detention Judge are informed without delay.

Minors, aged 12 years old or over, who are not vaccinated but accompanied by an adult who is fully vaccinated, are not subject to a quarantine measure.

2/ For how long?

Quarantine measures are initially taken for a period of ten days when arriving in French Polynesia.

The quarantine measure may be extended under the conditions provided for at II of Articles L.3131-17 of the French Public Health Code for a maximum of one month.

3/ Where is the quarantine taking place?

The quarantine is taking place according to the individual’s choice: at his/her home or in any other accommodation (rental, hotel, etc.) if it is suitable with the implementation of health instructions.

The aim of the quarantine is to avoid any contact with other persons and to protect the other islands. Thus, the place chosen by the person concerned has to be located, except for particular circumstances, in Tahiti.

If the quarantine location is to be shared with other occupants, the quarantine must be carried out in compliance with the hygiene and physical distancing rules and by isolating the quarantined individual from other occupants in order to limit the risk of contamination within of the chosen place.

¹ Fully vaccinated within the meaning of Annex 1 of Order No. 449 CM of March 26, 2021: 14 days after injection of the “Covid 19 Vaccine Janssen”; 7 days after receiving the second dose of Pfizer, Moderna or Astra Zenca vaccine.

² To the person of interest or the holder of parental authority in the case of minors
The High Commissioner may oppose to the choice of the quarantine location if it appears that this place does not meet with the requirements made to guarantee the effectiveness of this measure and to allow its control. In this case, the High Commissioner decides where the quarantine should take place, following the suggestion of the Minister of Health in French Polynesia.

If the person concerned by this measure is likely to carry out acts of violence during his/her period of quarantine, he/she is subject to specific conditions adapted to his/her situation in accordance with the provisions of article 25 of decree no. 2021-699 of June 1st, 2021.

Individuals coming to French Polynesia after a medical evacuation and the accompanying persons may benefit from accommodation offered by French Polynesia when available, on their request and by producing the necessary documents.

Transportation to the quarantine location must be carried out in an individual vehicle available upon arrival or by any authorized medical vehicle. The latter is subject to a rate per trip consisting of a package set at 5 000 CFP and a rate per kilometer set at 100 CFP.

4/ When are you allowed to go out during quarantine?

The quarantined individual is not allowed to leave the quarantine location.

Nevertheless, leaving the location is allowed under special circumstances:

➔ for health reasons, medical consultations and medical care in medical facilities which cannot be postponed. A medical prescription delivered by a doctor from the Ministry of Health or the Health Department of French Polynesia, together with a notice of information to the health establishment's management, are necessary.

➔ to carry out screening tests provided by the health authority and in accordance with the procedures prescribed by that authority.

➔ for health care professionals mobilized to fight Covid-19 and to ensure the continuity of care.

For people whose intervention is essential for the installation, maintenance or repair of material and equipment for the population safety.

For individuals whose intervention is justified by a professional mission requiring being on site and which cannot be deferred and whose postponement or cancellation could have important consequences.

Those individuals may benefit from a quarantine arrangement for service requirements. However, they must remain under quarantine conditions when they are not in operation.

For other workers, circumstances allowing to leave the location are to be sent by their manager to the following address: formulairequarantainedomicile@sante.gov.pf
5/ How to access to essential goods, maintain family ties and get medical care?

The quarantined individual may have access to essential goods and services by bringing their own supplies or having supplies delivered to the quarantine location, at his/her own expense, while respecting the sanitary protocol and social distancing.

He/she can also, under the usual conditions of use, have a phone or any electronic communication device in order to maintain family ties and to communicate freely with anyone, from its home or place of quarantine.

He/She can communicate freely with family members by respecting the sanitary protocol and social distancing.

The quarantined individual is regularly informed by phone, and can get social, medical or psychological support if necessary. To benefit from it, he/she can apply by sending a message to: formulairequarantainedomicile@sante.gov.pf

The quarantine measure shall take into account the necessary adaptations to the particular situation of minors.

6/ How are quarantine inspections performed?

A quarantine inspection will be carried out by the police, under the conditions provided by article L3131-17 of the French Public Health Code, and the French Polynesia health services in order to make sure that the quarantined complies with this measure.

The violation of the prohibitions or obligations prescribed in this article is punished by the fine foreseen for the contraventions of 5th class, with a maximum amount of 178 998 CFP (€1,500). This contravention may be subject to the flat-rate fine procedure provided for in Article 529 of the French Code of Criminal Procedure. In this case, the flat-rate fine is set at 119 332 CFP (€1,000) and the flat-rate fine is increased to 155 131 CFP (€1,300).

If the violations are notified more than three times within 30 days, this constitutes an offence and is punished by six months of imprisonment and a fine of 447 494 CFP (€3,750), as well as the additional penalty for community work and the additional penalty for suspension of a driving license for a period of no more than three years when the offence was committed with the use of a vehicle, in accordance with the provisions of the French Penal Code in articles 131-8 and 131-22 to 131-24.

7/ How to request a change regarding the quarantine enforcement?

Any request concerning the enforcement of the quarantine measure (permission to leave, change of location, etc.) may be sent to the following address:

covid19-ordrepublic@polynesie-française.pref.gouv.fr

Pursuant to Articles R.3131-20 et seq. of the French Public Health Code, the quarantine measure may, at any time, be subject to a request for legal removal before the liberties and detention Judge. The Judge has to be referred to through an application which must be dated, signed and providing relevant supporting evidences. This application entitled “recours JLD” must be sent to the following e-mail adress: sec.jld.tpi-papeete@justice.fr.

The request for legal removal of a quarantine decision shall be made by the holders of parental authority when the quarantine concerns a minor.