

COVID-19 EU Briefing 20 July 2021

Recovery

COVID-19 Treatment:

- The European Medicines Agency [has started](#) evaluating an application to extend the use of Kineret (anakinra) to include treatment of COVID-19 in adult patients with pneumonia who are at risk of developing severe respiratory failure (inability of the lungs to work properly).
- EMA will communicate on the outcome of its evaluation, which is expected by October.

Member States

Belgium:

- Travelers [entering](#) Belgium from “high-risk” areas in the EU or Schengen, and who are not fully vaccinated will be required to take a PCR test on the first and seventh day after arrival. If the result is positive, they will be required to quarantine for 10 days. The day-one test is not necessary if the person took a PCR test in the 72 hours before their arrival on
- From 13 August, a ‘COVID Safe Ticket’ showing a person has been fully vaccinated, has antibodies from a recent infection, or a negative PCR test result within the past 48 hours – will allow access to major events of more than 1,500 people outdoors. Those fulfilling the criteria will not be required to wear a mask or keep safe distancing.

France:

- The government [altered](#) its new plan to fight COVID-19 on Monday, slashing planned fines and postponing them to an unspecified date, spokesman Gabriel Attal said. The planned 45,000 euro fine for businesses which do not check that clients have a health pass will be much lower, starting at up to 1,500 euros and increasing progressively for repeat offenders.

Lithuania:

- The [following](#) countries and areas are now part of the red and grey category: Denmark, Greece (without including Corfu, Kefalonia, Thasos, Zakynthos, Rhodes, and Santorini), Spain (including Tenerife, Gran Canaria, and Mallorca), Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal (excluding Madeira), French regions: Martinique, French Guiana, and Réunion and Switzerland.
- All arrivals from the red/grey category must present a negative COVID-19 test result and stay self-isolated for ten days, if unvaccinated

Finland:

- Finland will [open](#) its borders to fully vaccinated travellers who can present a valid and authorised COVID-19 Vaccination Passport, starting from 26 July
- The opening hours of land border crossing checkpoints with Norway are extended to 24 hours, starting July 19

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