

COVID-19 EU Briefing 20 April 2022

Restrictions Update

International:

- **Spain:** Spain has extended its current entry rules for all incoming travelers until 30 April.
- **Greece:** Current covid-19 restrictions will remain in force until 1 May, meaning that passengers from countries that do not make part of the system of the EU Digital Covid Certificate will need to undergo a PCR or antigen test before arrival.
- **Cyprus:** From 18 April, Cyprus no longer requires the completion of a passenger locator form (Cyprus Flight Pass) for entry into the country. Moreover, it removes country-categorization and most travel-related covid protocols.
- **Italy:** The Minister of Health of Italy, Roberto Speranza confirmed that the country will keep the current entry measures until at least 30 April.

Domestic:

- **Belgium:** The re-introduced obligation to wear a face mask in the busy streets and markets in the Brussels municipality of Molenbeek-Saint-Jean has been dropped.
- **Ireland:** Kingston Mills, an Irish immunology professor at Trinity College Dublin, has warned that a new, more infectious variant of covid-19 is likely spreading in Ireland. A number of cases of the new variant, Omicron XE, have been confirmed across the UK, including Northern Ireland.
- **Spain:** Masks are no longer mandatory in interior spaces from 20 April. The requirement will continue to remain in place for those working or visiting healthcare facilities.
- **Latvia:** For the first time since February, Latvia did not record the highest covid-19 mortality rate among EU/EEA countries
- **Austria:** Austria will relax its covid-19 rules following the decrease in cases and hospitalisations.
- **Slovenia:** Slovenia lifted its indoor mask mandate on 14 April.
- **Poland:** Poland declined to take or pay for any more covid-19 vaccines following their improving pandemic situation and costs.
- **Czech Republic:** Covid-19 deaths passed the 40,000 mark.
- **Cyprus:** The Cypriot government is "very close" to ending all coronavirus restrictions according to health minister, who says hospitalizations were down significantly in the last couple of days.
- **Luxembourg:** While wearing a mask is still required on public transportation, including school transportation this requirement no longer applies within schools as well as education and reception services. Wearing a mask is nevertheless recommended by the Ministry of Education in some instances, such as after an infection or in busy places.

- **Italy:** The authorities will re-examine the use of masks after Easter.

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