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Brussels, Belgium | COVID-19 Guidelines

The Belgian government has announced mandatory indoor mask requirements AND proof of vaccination requirements for most indoor establishments.

Please be prepared that your travel plans and covid regulations might change at short notice. Be sure to check with your travel company or airline for any transport changes, and relevant governments regulations on relevant websites.

Indoor Mask Requirement

- It is mandatory for adults to wear face masks in most indoor spaces

Proof of Vaccination

- As of Jan. 15, 2022, [proof of vaccination](#) is required at indoor gathering locations in Belgium
- To enter into bars, restaurants, cafés, fitness centres and many other permitted indoor spaces and events, you will be required to demonstrate your COVID safe status through the Belgian [Covid Safe Ticket \(CST\) system](#) showing proof of vaccination, a recent negative test or a recovery certificate. Those vaccinated with an NHS vaccine (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) will be able to present their vaccination certificate with QR code as proof of vaccination in order to gain access.
- If you think you have COVID-19 symptoms, you should follow the guidelines set out by the [Belgian Government](#).

For EU participants to enter Belgium, you must:

- Fill in the [passenger locator form](#) (PLF) within 6 months before your arrival in Belgium, even if fully vaccinated
- Check the [colour code](#) of your country and/or whether it is listed as a [very high-risk country](#). There are currently 5 colours: green, orange, red, dark red and grey.
- Check which COVID certificate you have. There are [three types](#) of certificates that can be accepted:
 - A vaccination certificate (Proof you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19)
 - A recovery certificate (if you have recently had covid)
 - A test certificate (PCR / RAT)

For further information and up to date information, we recommend you double check the [Belgian government's website](#)

COVID-19 Venue Guidelines

Venue: Transforma Bxl

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Address: Av. Jules Bordet 13, 1140 Evere, Belgium

COVID-19 Venue Guidelines:

- Wearing a mask is currently mandatory in all areas, the spaces are large enough and distributed throughout the building to allow everyone to respect the rules of physical distance.

- The Covid Safe Ticket (CST) must be used for access to certain events or places in the Brussels Capital Region. The CST resembles the European Covid certificate.

How do I get a Covid Safe Ticket?

- There are 3 options:
 - a **certificate of complete vaccination** with a recognized vaccine (**Please note:** from 1 March 2022, this period of validity will be reduced to 150 days (5 months). After the booster shot, the vaccination certificate remains valid indefinitely).
 - a **certificate of a negative PCR test** in the last 72 hours or an antigen test (rapid test) in the last 48 hours.
 - a **recovery certificate** of up to 180 days old (**Please note:** from 1 March 2022, this period of validity will be reduced to 150 days/ 5 months).
- All certificates can be downloaded with the [Covidsafe app](#).
- The vaccination certificate can be sent by post by calling the call centre on 02 214 19 19.
- For non-European citizens: [Covid Safe Ticket for non-European citizens](#)

For further information: <https://www.brussels.be/covid-safe-ticket>

Enhanced venue protocols, services, and requirements:

- Adapted layouts in the meeting rooms to respect physical distance measures.
- Hand sanitisers, available at the entrance and in all meeting rooms.
- Face masks are mandatory in all spaces (you can order one at the reception desk, if you don't have one).
- Reminder of the safety instructions placed in different places of the building.
- Temperature measurement with infrared thermometer upon request
- Contactless reception (Plexiglas separation).
- Doors to sanitary areas kept open to avoid manipulation of latches.
- Increased cleaning and disinfection frequency for all surfaces that are frequently in contact with hands (tables, doors, switches, etc.)
- Possibility to rent conference chairs with folding shelves.
- Large windows available in our largest meeting rooms, to guarantee good air circulation.
- In addition, all meeting rooms, when they are not reserved, are accessible so that everyone can find a space to settle, for example. for coffee or a phone call.

For non-EU travelers

Due to travel regulations being different for non-EU participants (i.e., UK), we recommend checking your government website for up-to-date regulations.

Entry Requirements – Belgian regulations for UK nationals

- If you're fully vaccinated, you can enter Belgium if you:
 - complete a [Passenger Locator Form](#) (PLF)
- To qualify as fully vaccinated at least 14 days must have passed since your second dose of a vaccine approved for use by Belgium, and no more than 270 days must have passed since your second dose unless you have received a booster or third dose.
- Travelers who are not coming to Belgium via a carrier (for example, those travelling by car from UK via France) and who will be staying in Belgium for a maximum of 48 hours, do not need to fill in a PLF. You should continue to follow the guidance for any country which you will be travelling through.

Requirements for returning to the UK

- If you are fully vaccinated:
 - You must [complete a passenger locator form](#) in the 48 hours before you arrive in England.
 - No COVID-19 travel tests are required before you travel to England or after you arrive.
 - You do not need to quarantine when you arrive in England
- There are different rules if you have been in a red list country or territory in the 10 days before you arrive in England. There are currently no countries or territories on the [red list](#).
- If you are not fully vaccinated, you must:
 - take a COVID-19 test in the 2 days before you travel to England
 - [book and pay for a COVID-19 PCR test](#) – to be taken after you arrive in England
 - [complete a UK passenger locator form](#) – in the 48 hours before you arrive in England.
 - You need to enter your PCR test booking reference number in the passenger locator form.