

Greece tightens COVID measures for non-vaccinated

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Greek health officials on Tuesday announced tighter measures for the non-vaccinated and heavier fines for non-compliance in response to a surge in coronavirus cases.

From Saturday, anyone who has not been vaccinated against the virus

will need to provide a negative COVID test before they can enter [public buildings](#), shops and banks, the [health ministry](#) announced.

Workers in both the public and private sectors will have to provide negative tests twice a week, at their own expense.

And the fines levied against shops and restaurants which fail to respect the measures imposed by the government have been doubled to 5,000 euros (\$5,800).

"Our main weapon against the pandemic is the vaccine," said Health Minister Thanos Plevris. Any vaccinated people who had their last dose more than six months ago should get a [booster shot](#), he added.

According to [health](#) ministry figures, 63 percent of the population has been vaccinated, but on Tuesday the country recorded a record 6,700 new cases and 59 deaths from the virus.

So far in Greece, the total death toll from the coronavirus stands at just over 16,000.

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