

## **COVID** travel rules to Europe may be lifted for vaccinated travelers

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All testing and quarantine requirements for travelers to European Union



member nations should be lifted next month for those who are vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19, the European Council said Tuesday.

That would include people who received their last dose of their primary vaccination series at least 14 days and no more than 270 days before their arrival, or have received their booster dose, or those who have recovered from COVID-19 within 180 days of arrival, the council said in a news release announcing the new recommendations.

There would be no tests or additional requirements for children younger than 6 who are traveling with an adult.

Travelers vaccinated with vaccines approved by the WHO but not authorized for use in the EU may still need to present a negative PCR test or to quarantine, according to the European Council.

EU-authorized vaccines include those from Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson and Novavax.

The non-binding guidance from the council was welcomed by the executive commission of the 27-nation bloc, the AP reported.

"The updates will further facilitate travel from outside the EU into the EU, and take into account the evolution of the pandemic, the increasing vaccination uptake worldwide and the administration of booster doses," the European Commission said.

**More information:** Visit the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for more on <u>traveling during the pandemic</u>.

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