

# Latest COVID-19 Measures

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## 1. Travel restrictions to Belgium

**Update: On June 3, 2021, Japan was added to the European Union's list of third countries for which travel restrictions should be lifted ([Re-open EU](#)).**

Japan is now **a green zone** for Belgium. Please refer to the points below to see which measures are applicable to travelers from Japan.

**Attention!** It is prohibited for persons who at any time during the past 14 days were in the **countries classified as very high risk**, to travel directly or indirectly to the Belgian territory, provided they do not have Belgian nationality or do not have their main residence in Belgium. For details on the measure and its exceptions: [International Travels](#)

## 2. Sworn Statement & Essential Travel Document

**Non-essential journeys to Belgium are no longer prohibited.** Neither the sworn statement nor the essential travel certificate are therefore mandatory for travelers from Japan. However, non-essential travel is still strongly discouraged. The Embassy will no longer issue essential travel certificates. All open applications are cancelled.

## 3. Visas

C visas

- ❖ Japanese citizens are [exempt from a C visa](#)
- ❖ C visas are compulsory for the short stay travels (less than 90 days) of nationals who are not exempted from a Schengen C visa

D visas

- ❖ D visas are compulsory for the long stay travels (90 days of more) of all non-EU nationals

## 4. Mandatory sanitary measures for travelers from Japan

**Attention!** As the situation has proven to be volatile, we recommend all travelers re-verify the measures before traveling.

Japan is **a green zone** for Belgium. The following measures apply to all travelers from Japan:

### 1. **Public Health Passenger Locator Form** (PLF)

- Mandatory for all travelers. All travelers must complete and keep with them proof of the Public Health Passenger Locator Form (PLF) during the entire journey to their final destination in Belgium and for the 48 hours that follow.
- The PLF assesses the risk profile of the traveler based on the color code of the country of departure and the answers in the questionnaire.
- A mobile phone number must be entered in the PLF. This can be a Belgian or a foreign number. It must be entered starting with the country code, as in the example (“32498xxxxxx”).

More information:

- [FAQ](#): “When and how should I fill in a Passenger Locator Form (PLF)?”

### 2. **PCR test before departure** (in Japan)

- **Not mandatory** for travelers from Japan, but still recommended: In principle, travelers from Japan do not need to present this document to the Belgian border authorities. However, several airlines and transit countries require it systematically. Travelers from Japan are therefore advised to have a PCR test done prior to travel and to carry the proof of the negative result with them in order to avoid any problems during the trip.

More information:

- [Register of Medical Institutions Issuing COVID-19 Testing Certificates \(PDF\)](#) on the [TeCOT](#) website
- [FAQ](#): “When should I have a negative test result prior to travelling to Belgium?”

### 3. **PCR test after arrival** (in Belgium):

- **Not mandatory** for travelers from Japan

More information:

- Directory of PCR testing centers in Belgium on the website of the Federal Crisis Center: [Where can you get tested?](#)
- [FAQ](#): “Which travellers should get tested in Belgium?”
- [Exemptions from testing and quarantine](#)

### 4. **Quarantine** (10 days)

- **Not mandatory** for travelers from Japan

More information:

- [Quarantine and Isolation](#)
- [FAQ](#): “Which travellers must quarantine?”, “What does 'quarantine' mean?”
- [Exemptions from testing and quarantine](#)

**Important: The quarantine and test obligation will be more strictly enforced in Belgium from April 19. Anyone who does not respect the obligation risks a fine of at least 250 euros.**

More details regarding sanitary measures on arrival in Belgium: [Federal Crisis Center, FAQ section "Transport and International"](#) as well as [Travelling from and to other countries](#) and [Travelling from outside the EU or Schengen Area](#).

**5. Useful Links:**

- FPS Public Health: [Covid-19 FAQ](#) ("International")
- Brussels Airport: [Travelling in Covid-19 times](#)
- Immigration Office: [International Travels](#)

