



Message for the attention of all persons attending meetings of the Council of Europe in France

Update on 03 March 2020: here are the latest recommendations concerning the Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak decided by the Council of Europe:

We take your health and safety very seriously and are taking all appropriate measures to best combine the continuation of the Organisation's core business whilst managing health risks by implementing the recommendations of the host country.

Since the list of areas where the virus is actively circulating is continually changing, it is not realistic to keep it up to date at our level, and we appeal to your sense of civic duty and responsibility. We therefore ask all persons who are due to take part in any activity organised by the Council of Europe in France to consult the recommendations of their national authorities and the list of risk areas available on the [reference site of the French Government](https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus) (<https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus>), and to decide in a responsible manner, depending on the possible risk of contamination that they pose to others, whether or not to postpone their visit.

Hygiene measures

Strict adherence to hygiene measures is particularly important to control contamination from COVID-19 :

We strongly recommend following the advice below:

- Do not shake hands.
- Do not kiss.
- Do not share your personal belongings.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water. Use a hydroalcoholic gel when soap and water are not readily available.
- Avoid touching your face (eyes, nose, mouth).
- Use the crease of your elbow when sneezing or coughing, use tissues to blow your nose, throw them away afterwards and then wash your hands.
- Avoid any close contact (< 1m) with persons who are sick.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks and personal items.
- If you touch objects that are handled by many people (such as ramps, door handles), make sure you do not touch your face.
- Avoid large gatherings.