



MOUNTAINS IN MOTION

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Skiing and ski lifts in France: The protocol applicable to mountain resorts for the 2021/22 winter season is validated

On Thursday, November 18, the French government published the national protocol that will be applied to mountain ropeways and lifts, for the 2021/2022 winter season. The 250 French ski areas now have a clear roadmap for opening and welcoming ski enthusiasts and holidaymakers who are looking forward to enjoying snow activities. Here are the details of the protocol that will be applied in ski areas this winter.

Mask and distancing

Wearing a mask is compulsory from the age of 11 in all ski lifts and in the waiting lines. Masks are recommended for children aged 6 to 11. Only surface lifts and conveyor belts may be exempted from wearing masks if they are used by only one user at a time.

Skiers are required to wear a surgical mask or a category 1 fabric mask (AFNOR SPEC S76-001 certification). Concerning neck gaiters, only those that are filtering and certified will be allowed as an alternative to masks. Very practical for skiing and adapted to this protocol, approved neck gaiters can be put on and taken off in a few seconds.

Skiers must respect distances between people or groups of people travelling together in the waiting lines.

Protective measures must be applied throughout the ski area. Lift operators will make hand sanitizer available at relevant locations. Mask wearing regulations are also subject to changes by the regional Prefect.

Wearing a mask is not required while skiing.

Possible application of the French Health Pass, if the pandemic situation deteriorates

This protocol may be reviewed and adapted according to evolutions in the health situation. If the national incidence rate in France exceeds 200 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, the **Health Pass** will become compulsory from the age of 12, in addition to wearing a mask.

To help all players get organized, the government has committed to announcing the implementation of the Health Pass several days in advance. The official announcement will be made by Tuesday for the following Saturday.

The Health Pass will be controlled by QR-code using the *Tous Anti Covid Verif** application. The protocol provides for controls on people in ski lift sales offices, ski classes, and at the start of ski lifts.

This protocol is in line with the announcements made by the Prime Minister on November 6 in Grand Bornand (Haute Savoie).

It provides skiers and professionals with highly appreciated visibility to ensure everyone gets back on the ski slopes.

* The application recognizes QR-Codes issued in the European Union. Other people whose QR-code is not directly recognized by the application can go to French pharmacies to have their French Health Pass validated as long as they have been vaccinated with vaccines recognized by the EU.

For more information: <https://ansm.sante.fr/dossiers-thematiques/covid-19-vaccins/covid-19-vaccins-autorises> »

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