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**Inventory and review of measures taken by the government to prevent the entry of coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 into French Polynesia**

On 28 January the government introduced several measures to prevent the entry of new coronavirus - now called SARS-CoV-2 - into French Polynesia. These measures were strengthened following the note of 7 February:

- Obligation to present a medical certificate issued less than five days before boarding for French Polynesia for any traveller who has stayed since 1 January 2020 in China, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines
- Health check questionnaires on all international flights handed by airlines before landing and collected on arrival by the medical team on site
- Temperature control for the arrival of all international flights
- Obligation to land exclusively on Tahiti-Faa'a International Airport for all non-scheduled flights
- Health Maritime Declaration by all cruise ships made to the Health Surveillance Office

Out of all the questionnaires collected from 11 February 2020 (5,020 as at 18 February), only 6 people had stayed in China 15 days before their arrival in French Polynesia (less than 0.1% of passengers). These people showed no clinical symptoms.

For these people, the recommendations implemented are:

- Medical care upon arrival in Tahiti Faa'a International Airport
- Delivery of an information sheet about what to do over the next 14 days
- Recommendation for isolation at the place of residence
- Active monitoring by the Health Surveillance Office of the Health Directorate during the 14 days following the arrival