

# Update 28: France - Registers First Case of New COVID-19 Variant

- On December 31, France has registered its first case of a new COVID-19 strain, known as 501.V2 variant and linked to South Africa
- According to the statement, a man, who has recently returned to the country from South Africa and lives in the French department of Haute-Rhin near the Swiss border, was confirmed to have contracted the virus
- Swiss and French infectious disease specialists conducted a study and confirmed that this is a 501.V2 strain
- In addition to France, several other countries have reported 501.V2 strain of SARS-CoV 2, including Switzerland, Australia, Japan, and the United Kingdom
- Some reports claim that this variant is 70 percent more contagious than UK variant
- However, South Africa said there was no evidence to support this claim
- As of now, the country has reported 2,620,425 COVID-19 confirmed cases with 30,528 related deaths (2.4% of total reported cases) and 194,221 recoveries (7.4% of total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health of France (<https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in France

## Source(s)

- <https://www.deccanherald.com/international/france-detects-case-of-south-african-coronavirus-variant-933764.html>
- <http://www.businessworld.in/article/France-registers-first-case-of-COVID-19-variant-linked-to-South-Africa-/01-01-2021-360244/>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/france/>

## Targets Affected:

France

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

**Related Alerts**

**Dec. 23, 2020**

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Update 27: France - Agrees to Reopen Borders with the United Kingdom Amid New COVID-19 Strain

**Dec. 21, 2020**

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Update 26: France - Suspends Travel from the United Kingdom Over More Infectious COVID-19 Strain

**Dec. 16, 2020**

Medium

Update 25: France - Replaces Lockdown with Night Curfew and Resumes International Travel Between COVID-19 Safe Countries

**Dec. 11, 2020**

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Update 24: France - COVID-19 Total Cases Rise to 2,337,966; Government Plans to Impose Night Curfew

**Nov. 23, 2020**

Medium

Update 23: France - Plans to Ease Lockdown Measures Despite Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Nov. 6, 2020**

Medium

Update 22: France - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 58,046 New COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 1,601,367

**Oct. 29, 2020**

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Update 21: France - Plans to Impose Nationwide Lockdown Starting October 31, 2020 Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Oct. 23, 2020**

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Update 20: France - Extends Night Curfew to 38 Departments to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

**Oct. 15, 2020**

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Update 19: France - Plans to Re-Impose State of Health Emergency Starting October 17, 2020 to Contain COVID-19 Spread

**Oct. 9, 2020**

High

Update 18: France - Plans to Impose New COVID-19 Restrictions in Four Cities Starting October 10, 2020, Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Oct. 3, 2020**

Medium

Update 17: France - Storm 'Alex' Causes Further Disruptions Adding Further Challenges to the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

**Oct. 2, 2020**

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Update 16: Paris, France - Plans to Impose New COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Sept. 24, 2020**

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Update 15: France - Tightens COVID-19 Measures and Announces New Danger Zones Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Sept. 18, 2020**

Medium

Update 14: France - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 10,593 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 415,481

**Sept. 7, 2020**

Medium

Update 13: France - Reports 7,071 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 324,777

**Aug. 25, 2020**

Medium

Update 12: France - Plans to Impose Quarantine Restrictions on Travel From UK

**Aug. 19, 2020**

Medium

Update 11: France - Imposes Mandatory Masks in Workplaces Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

**Aug. 6, 2020**

**High**

Update 10: Marseille, France - Forest Fire Disrupts Normal Life Adds Further Challenges to Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

**Aug. 1, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 9: France - Economy Contracts by 14% in Q2 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**June 27, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 8: France - Confirms 1,588 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling ~162,936

**June 18, 2020**

**Low**

Update 7: France - Economy to Contract 17% in Q2 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**June 14, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 6: France - Plans to Open Border for Non-Schengen Travelers Starting July 1, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**June 13, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 5: France - Plans to Open Border for European Union Travelers Starting June 15, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**June 11, 2020**

**High**

Update 3: France - Plans to End Emergency Health Measures Starting July 10, 2020; Projects 800,000 Job Losses

**June 11, 2020**

**Low**

Update 4: France - Announces ~US\$114 M Aid for Certain Businesses Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**June 5, 2020**

**Low**

Update 2: France - Announces Measures to Recover Economy Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**June 3, 2020**

Medium

France - GDP to Contract by 11% with Budget Deficit of 11.4% in 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**June 2, 2020**

Medium

Update 1: France - Plans to Extend State of Health Emergency Until October 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.