

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

- Storm 'Alex' lashed the country with high winds of up to 180 kph and heavy rainfall
- Heavy rainfall caused flooding and uprooted trees in Côtes-d'Armor
- Power disruptions were reported in Côtes-d'Armor, Brittany and Ile-et-Vilaine
- Train services were disrupted and network failure was reported in Brittany
- Authorities stated there were no report of deaths
- This comes while the country is facing challenges due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic
- On October 2, the country reported 12,148 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- As of now, France reported 589,653 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 32,155 deaths (5% of total reported cases), and 97,788 recovered (17% of the total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/>) for latest information on COVID-19 in France

Source(s)

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- <https://www.ouest-france.fr/meteo/tempete/en-images-tempete-alex-30-000-foyers-privés-d-electricite-en-ille-et-vilaine-a-midi-6998257>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/france/>

Targets Affected:

France

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk - Infrastructure Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- It is important for SW Subscribers to determine if procedures for evacuating employees to safe locations are in place, if required
- Determine if all staff and travelers in France are monitoring local weather, government warnings, and updates
- Firms with operations in the region should review their measures to mitigate the risk posed by such natural calamities
- Determine if current Business Continuity Plans of third parties/captive units account for sudden shortage or unavailability of resources in the event of several team members being unable to commute to the workplace due to adverse weather conditions
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- It is advised to determine if alternate power supplies and network connections are available to deal with large-scale power outages and network failures, if any
- It is advised to evaluate options to migrate critical processes to nearby unaffected regions, to avoid disruption to business operations, in the event of an extended power outage
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

Related Alerts

Oct. 2, 2020

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

Oct. 1, 2020

Low

France - Warning for Tropical Storm 'Alex'

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

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

Aug. 25, 2020

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

Aug. 19, 2020

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

Aug. 6, 2020

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

Aug. 1, 2020

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

June 27, 2020

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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

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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

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

June 5, 2020

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

June 3, 2020

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

June 2, 2020

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

Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - 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	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - 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	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - 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	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - 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.
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