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### Latest Covid 19 health situation update concerning Saint-Barthélemy

The French Government has declared a state of health emergency throughout France since October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This decision was taken according to the serious situation of the Covid 19 epidemic in many French regions, including Paris.

From October 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, the situation in Saint-Barthélemy was as follows: only three positive cases, no clusters and zero hospitalizations. The « *positivity rate* » was 1.6% (number of people tested positive compared to the number of tests performed), this rate is the lowest in all French Territories.

Last week, the trend remained the same.

As a reminder, Saint-Barthélemy has a very high RT-PCR testing capacity. Up to 400 tests can be carried out each week (a weekly equivalent of 4% of its population) with results provided within a few hours. These testing capabilities, among the highest in the world, along with efficient sanitary protocols allowed Saint-Barthélemy to reopen its borders to international travelers starting June 15<sup>th</sup>, and this, without any epidemic development on its territory.

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