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Location: Cote d'Ivoire

Event:

As of May 28, 2020, the Ivoirian Ministry of Health confirmed 2,641 cases of COVID-19 in Cote d'Ivoire, with 1,326 individuals who have recovered and 32 deaths, leaving 1,283 active cases. New COVID-19 testing centers have recently been opened in Abobo Complexe sportif, Plateau Sorbonne, Attécoubé et Bingerville. Recent COVID-19 cases have also been confirmed in the interior of the country; patients are being transferred to the Greater Abidjan region for treatment.

The government announced on May 27 that individuals returning to Cote d'Ivoire from abroad would be placed under surveillance at the l'Institut National de la Jeunesse et des Sports (INJS) in Abidjan for two weeks, awaiting a negative test result, before their release.

Cote d'Ivoire's border closure remains in effect and commercial flight operations continue to be suspended through June 14. We do not anticipate additional repatriation flights from Cote d'Ivoire to the United States and U.S. citizens and residents should be prepared to remain abroad for an extended period of time. There is no confirmed date on which international commercial flights may resume. Please continue to check directly with commercial airlines for updated operational information.

Travel to and from the Greater Abidjan region to the interior of the country remains restricted through June 14 without obtaining a laissez-passez through <https://autorisation.securite.gouv.ci/>. The State of Emergency and closure of bars, night clubs, cinemas and entertainment venues also remains in place through June 14.

The U.S. Embassy urges U.S. citizens to continue to adhere scrupulously to personal precautions, such as wearing a face covering, practicing physical distancing, as well as frequent and thorough hand washing, especially as COVID-19 public precautions are relaxed.

STEP Enrollment: All U.S. citizens in Cote d'Ivoire are encouraged to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) and monitor the Embassy's website and Facebook page for the latest available information. We will release updated information on local conditions as it becomes available.

U.S. Embassy Abidjan Consular Operations: The consular section remains closed for routine services at this time and the processing of routine Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBA) and full-validity passports remains severely delayed. We remain available for emergency services for U.S. citizens. If you are a U.S. citizen requiring emergency assistance, please contact us by e-mail at ABJAmCit@state.gov.

Actions to Take:

- Respect local Ivorian laws and health guidelines. Visit the local government [COVID-19 website](#) for updated information.
- If you are sick with COVID-like symptoms, call your health care provider or Cote d'Ivoire's COVID hotline at 143, 101, 119, or 125. Do not go directly to a health center.
- Consult the [CDC website](#) for the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 and how to protect yourself and others.
- Visit our [Embassy webpage on COVID-19](#) for information on conditions in Cote d'Ivoire.
- Visit the [COVID-19 crisis website](#) on travel.state.gov for the latest information.
- Visit the [Department of Homeland Security's website](#) on the latest travel restrictions to the United States.

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