



3rd Congress of the African Membrane Society - November 2-5, 2021

SARS-COV2 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (TRAVELING TO SENEGAL)

Is AMSIC-3 a virtual, hybrid or in-person meeting?

To date, the in-person meeting format is prioritized, and there are also no restrictions from the Senegalese authorities to organize this venue in Dakar.

Where can we find information related to the COVID pandemic to determine whether to attend AMSIC-3 in person?

1-Traveling to Senegal is a personal endeavor and we fully respect everyone's decision. We will preserve a transparent and open communication to help those interested make informed choices.

2--Contact the Senegalese embassy (consulate) in your country of residence

3-Senegalese Ministry of Health shares daily briefs (French):

<https://sante.sec.gouv.sn/actualites>

<https://sante.sec.gouv.sn/taxonomy/term/14>

- We (AMSIC organizers) will regularly communicate about COVID-19 status in Senegal between July and November 2021 on AMSIC website -stay tuned for more details.

What measures will be taken during AMSIC-3 to maintain a safe working environment?

1-We will follow key guidelines outlined by the World Health Organization and the Senegalese government, such as

- Advising social distancing of 6 feet for all AMSIC activities
- Wearing face masks during all indoor events
- Hand sanitizers will be available @ AMSIC venues (containing at least 70% alcohol)

2-Outdoor events will be prioritized.

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3-For indoor activities, we will seek to secure open spaces (high ceilings, large rooms etc.), and well ventilated areas (if possible, using room air cleaners).

Is it possible to obtain a PCR test in Senegal?

Yes, there are several locations (especially in Dakar) that offer PCR testing and deliver results within 24 hours. The Institut Pasteur is one of the well-recognized facilities.

Are there required vaccines when traveling to Senegal?

1- Check with the Senegalese embassy/consulate in your country of residence

2- Travelers are advised to

- bring proof of a negative PCR test obtained within 72 hours of your traveling dates.
- **get yellow fever vaccine before traveling to Senegal** (it can also be administered in Dakar)
- check with your healthcare specialist whether anti-malarial medication is needed.

- Here are further details about recommended or required* vaccines for Senegal as per the National Travel Health Network and Centre and the World Health Organization: **hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever*, rabies, meningitis, and tetanus.**

What is the status of COVID pandemic in Senegal, as of July 11, 2021?

Source: Ministry of Health (Senegal)

COVID CATEGORIES	VALUES JULY 11 TH	VALUES AUGUST 7 TH
Cumulative positive cases	46,175	66,898
Cumulative deaths	1,194	1,467
Daily positive cases	529	648
Positivity rate	19.5% (529 of 2,715 tests)	16% (648 OF 4,050)
Serious cases (intensive care)	16	64
Vaccinated individuals	580,550	1,017,569

Other relevant information related to SARS-COV-2 in Senegal?

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Senegal to plans to start building a COVID-19 vaccine plant in 2021 and aiming to manufacture 22 million doses per month by the end of 2022. This plant will be run by Institut Pasteur of Dakar, which is the only facility in Africa producing a vaccine (yellow fever shot) that is pre-qualified by WHO.

Find more details here: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/senegal-build-covid-19-vaccine-plant-bid-expand-african-access-2021-07-09/>

Are there food and dietary restrictions specific to Senegal?

-Consult your health care specialist and explain your traveling plan.

-Avoid drinking tap water and only request branded bottled water.

-it is preferred not to consume uncooked meals (salads, raw dishes), dairy products, especially outside of your hotel.

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