Russia's Southern Resorts to Close to Unvaccinated Tourists

June 24, 2021

The Krasnodar region confirmed 123 new cases of Covid-19 on Thursday. **Dmitry Feoktistov / TASS**

Russia's Black Sea coastal resorts including popular holiday destination Sochi will no longer accept tourists who haven't been vaccinated against the coronavirus starting later this summer, Krasnodar region Governor Veniamin Kondratyev [announced](#) Thursday.

The restrictions come as Moscow and St. Petersburg battle surging Covid-19 infections and deaths driven by the highly infectious Delta variant and a stubbornly slow uptake of vaccines. In a bid to drive up vaccination rates, Moscow has announced compulsory vaccination for service workers and its restaurants will soon refuse service to customers who lack vaccination, immunity or a negative Covid-19 test.

Related article: [Russia's Daily Virus Cases, Deaths Hit 6-Month Highs](#)

Starting next month, Krasnodar region hotels and guest houses will only accept tourists who present a vaccine certificate or a negative PCR test.

From Aug. 1, the region's sanatoriums, hotels and summer camps will only welcome vaccinated tourists.

Regional authorities have also [ordered](#) compulsory vaccination for tourism-sector workers starting Wednesday.

The Krasnodar region [confirmed](#) 123 new cases of Covid-19 on Thursday.

Russians unable to travel abroad due to Covid restrictions have flocked to their country's Black Sea coast this summer, with local hotels [booked](#) up to 90% capacity.

Original url:
https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2021/06/24/russias-southern-resorts-to-close-to-unvaccinated-tourists-a74331