

## NUTS 3 Region: Rhône (FR)

This series of fact sheets includes measures taken by the above-mentioned regional authorities during the first wave of the pandemic to strengthen public health security, adapt various aspects of city life to new reality, support vulnerable populations and support the local economy. The fact sheet has been prepared based on official sources and media reporting. However, given the variegated degrees of online communication efficiency from the part of various regional authorities, and the risks associated with collecting information from non-standardised online sources (including media), please note that the information in the table may not be comprehensive.

### Contextual information

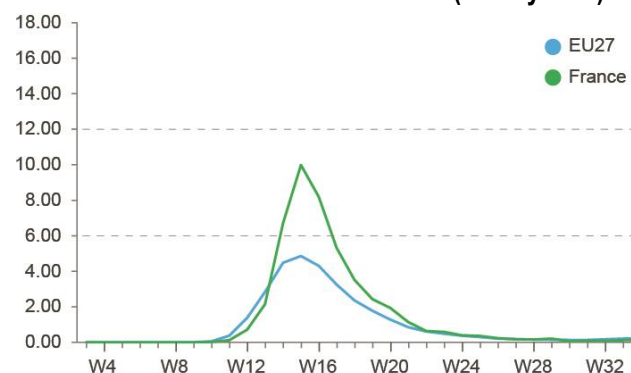
#### General information<sup>1</sup>

Population (2019)	1 866 000
Density (inh/sqkm, 2018)	576
Type of territory (OECD typology)	Predominantly urban
Level of COVID-19 deaths (1 <sup>st</sup> wave)	Moderate

#### Governance (responsibilities of NUTS3 regions)

A department is the NUTS 3 territorial unit in France. Each department is administrated by a departmental council, and each council has a president. The main areas of responsibility and competences of departments are high-school education, some social and welfare allowances, departmental transportation and departmental roads.

#### COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants (weekly data)



### Policy answers at local level - Measures<sup>2</sup>

Health security	Date	Perspective <sup>3</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donations and purchasing of masks, hydro-alcoholic gel and hygiene products</li> </ul>	Mid-Mar	ST
<b>Daily way of life and work</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for cultural associations</li> </ul>	17-Apr	ST/ MT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for cultural digital actions</li> </ul>	Apr	MT/ LT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Metropolitan Reserve" (Lyon) - volunteers-based action which makes it possible to ensure the continuity of public service or the performance of missions of general interest</li> </ul>	Mid-Mar	ST
<b>Support to vulnerable populations</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplementary employees for services aimed to vulnerable populations</li> </ul>	10-Apr	ST/ MT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tablets for disabled persons</li> </ul>	24-Apr	MT/ LT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of a solidarity fund for expenses related to fighting COVID-19</li> </ul>	Apr	ST/ MT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up with isolated people</li> </ul>	Mar	ST
<b>Support to economic actors &amp; recovery</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the economic actors from rural areas of less than 3500 inhabitants directly affected by lockdown effects</li> </ul>	28-Apr	ST/ MT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Territorial strategy for economic comeback (with 5 priorities covering financial aid, salary bonuses for employees working in assistance providing, financial support for freelancers, several actions for disabled persons and vulnerable populations, technical innovations in county buildings).</li> </ul>	Jul	ST/ MT/ LT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of rents for companies based in Lyon Metropolises</li> </ul>	Mar	ST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency aid for very small enterprises and SMEs until the end of June</li> </ul>	Mar	ST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursement of contributions by members of the Tourist Office and postponement of the collection of tourist tax in hotels</li> </ul>	Mar	ST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several actions of support for local economic actors producing masks, hygiene products, or food products.</li> </ul>	Mar-Jul	MT/ LT

## Policy answers at local level - Overall strategy

	Mitigating	Compensating	Circumventing	Exploit
Health security	✓			
Daily way of life and work	✓	✓	✓	
Support to vulnerable populations	✓	✓	✓	
Support to economic actors & recovery	✓	✓		

<sup>1</sup> Data source: EUROSTAT (*demo\_r\_pjangrp3* and *demo\_r\_d3dens*), OECD urban/rural typology, and ESPON COVID-19 database for mortality levels. Thresholds for COVID-19 mortality levels: low (0-6 deaths/100,000 inh.), moderate (6-12 deaths/100,000 inh.) and high (>12 deaths/100 000 inh).

<sup>2</sup> Main sources used: <https://eurocities.eu/>; <https://www.rhone.fr/>

<sup>3</sup> ST = short term, MT = medium term, LT = long term.