

**Because of the current health crisis the office dealing with services to the population Population of the sous-préfecture in Palaiseau is closed.**

**Please find below guidelines for foreigners about services which are available on the website of the sous-préfecture in Palaiseau. The information will be updated in real time.**

**« To conform with instructions from the Ministry of Home Affairs and efficiently combat the Covid-19 pandemic, the general reception desk for foreigners is suspended both at the Préfecture and the sous-préfecture.**

**As of March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 and until further notice, the only reception desk which will be open is the general public reception desk (digital information, miscellaneous administrative information, etc.) from 9 :00 am to 12 :00 only for emergency issues. The standard operating procedure remains confinement and strictly limited outings.**

## **II / DETAILED INFORMATION ON WELCOMING NEWLY ARRIVED FOREIGNERS AT PREFECTURE AND SOUS-PREFECTURE**

### **A/ Residence of foreigners**

**- all the appointments (1st application, renewal, exceptional permission of residence, delivery of permits, conversion of foreign licenses) are cancelled ;**

**- no new appointments will be given online until further notice ;**

**- the residence permits that have already expired or will soon expire will be extended (see below)**

**- every urgent request (particularly for travelling abroad – in the event of death or illness) must be transmitted with necessary supporting information to :**

**[pref-etranagers@essonne.gouv.fr](mailto:pref-etranagers@essonne.gouv.fr)**

**- for short-stay visa extension applications (if you cannot return to your home country because entry is forbidden when coming from France because of health measures or because your country is undergoing the same health issues or because airline transportation has been interrupted), please send your application with necessary supporting information (passport + proof of residence in France + plane ticket + explanatory letter + accommodation certificate ) to :**

**[pref-etranagers@essonne.gouv.fr](mailto:pref-etranagers@essonne.gouv.fr)**

### **Asylum :**

**Asylum application registration (GUDA, and SPADA Coallia) is suspended.**

**Asylum application certificates expiring as of March 16 are extended by 3 months.**

**All appointments are cancelled and all the people concerned will be contacted thereafter ;  
French citizenship / Naturalisation :**

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**No new appointments will be given online until further notice ;**

**Citizenship ceremonies are cancelled until further notice, including for those who have received a summons.**

**For urgent matters send an email to [pref-naturalisations@essonne.gouv.fr](mailto:pref-naturalisations@essonne.gouv.fr)**

### **III – VALIDITY OF THE RESIDENCE PERMIT/ RECEIPTS/ ASYLUM APPLICATION CERTIFICATES**

**In order to secure the presence of legal foreigners on the French territory, and to avoid any questioning of the rights given by the residence permit they hold, such as the right to work and social benefits, the documents listed below will be valid for 3 additional months if they expire on March 16th.**

**Long-stay visas**

**Residence permits, regardless of their type (except specific permits granted to foreign diplomatic and consular staff )**

**Temporary residence permits**

**Asylum application permits ;**

**Residence permit application receipts**

**This measure applies on the national territory. Alien citizens holding a permit that has expired and who will benefit from the extension of the permit are advised NOT to leave**

**For information regarding the reception of foreigners : regularly consult the website of « préfecture de l'Essonne, section « Reception of foreigners in Essonne » « COVID 19 »**

**Students and PhD students can also write to [visa.etudiant@universite-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:visa.etudiant@universite-paris-saclay.fr) for any question relevant to their situation regularly.**