

# *Spain hopes to keep French border open as regions tighten health measures*

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Madrid, July 22 (RHC)-- Spanish Tourism Minister Reyes Maroto said a resurgence in coronavirus cases in Catalonia was coming under control and she hoped there would be no need for France to close the border.

With the pandemic wreaking havoc on Spain's tourism industry, which accounts for about 12 percent of economic output, Madrid has voiced concern after French Prime Minister Jean Castex on Sunday did not rule out closing the border.

But Maroto told an event organised by Europa Press news agency she was optimistic after data showed infections in Catalonia had fallen over the past three days.

"Let's hope that with this better data we don't have to close a border that for us is very important for mobility with our European partners."



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