



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: QUARANTINE MEASURES ON UK ARRIVALS

UK quarantine measures were introduced on 8 June 2020 as part of the [UK Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy policy document](#).

Since 8 June 2020, the following has applied to arrivals to the UK (with some limited exceptions, see below):

- Arrivals to the UK (including British citizens) are required to provide their contact and residential accommodation information in a [passenger locator form](#), so that they can be contacted if they, or someone they may have been in contact with develops Covid-19. They may complete this form up to 48 hours in advance of arrival. Failure to complete the form is punishable in England by a £100 fixed penalty notice.
- They are required to self-isolate for 14 days at the residential (or hotel) address they provide on arrival. If they do not have a confirmed address, they will be required to isolate in accommodation arranged by the UK Government.

Please note there is separate guidance to arrivals in [England](#), [Scotland](#), [Wales](#), and [Northern Ireland](#) on how to self-isolate, once here.

There are some exemptions in place for those working in national health, security, critical infrastructure or supply. A full list is published [here](#) and includes:

- Road haulage and freight workers
- Medical professionals travelling to the UK to help with the fight against coronavirus
- Anyone travelling from within the Common Travel Area (Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man)
- Seasonal Agricultural Workers, who will self-isolate on the property where they are working.

From 10 July 2020 there are also exemptions for those travelling from [certain countries](#), though these exemptions will not apply to those who are returning from one of the listed countries but who have visited a third country, not on this list, within 14 days of arrival.

Border Force officers and Public health authorities are undertaking random checks to ensure compliance with the measures. Anyone who fails to comply with the mandatory conditions may face enforcement action. A breach of self-isolation would be punishable in England with a £1,000 fixed penalty notice and a failure to update a change of address during the period of self-isolation is punishable with a penalty of up to £3,200. Please see the specific country arrivals guidance for details of the penalties in place in [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

Those with work authorisation may work remotely during the period of quarantine (from the address in which they are self-isolating).



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