Guide to Travelling to the UK

What you will find in this Guide:

Critical Information and Key Things To Know

COVID-19 Tests: any references in this guidance to tests needed in the UK must be from an approved service. Tests can be purchased here https://quarantinehotelbookings.ctmportal.co.uk/

Fully Vaccinated: individuals will be considered fully vaccinated two weeks after completing a full course of COVID-19 Vaccinations (for most people this will be two jabs).

>   **If you are a delegate,** proof of <u>any</u> vaccine will meet this test.

>   **If you are not a delegate,** you <u>must</u> have been vaccinated in:

>>   **The UK (including as part of a UK Vaccine Scheme overseas)**

>>   **EU and** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino or Vatican City with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or the Swiss vaccination programme

>>   **USA,** with a vaccine authorised by the FDA

>>   **Other countries including** Australia, Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bahrain, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominica, Egypt, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Qatar, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & The Grenadines, Taiwan, Thailand, the Philippines, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, Vietnam **but only if you have received a full course of the Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen vaccines.**

Proof of Vaccination Status: You will need to have a record of your vaccination to show when you travel. You need to apply directly to the government of your Overseas Territory for a letter of proof. The letter should clearly state that you've been fully vaccinated under the UK overseas vaccine programme. Make sure that you check with them that the letter is valid to enter the UK.

This must be a document from a national or state level public health body that includes as a minimum:

1. Forename and Surname
2. Date of Birth
3. Vaccine Brand and Manufacturer
4. date of vaccination for every dose
5. county or territory of vaccination and /or certificate issuer.

If you have <i>not</i> been vaccinated with either **Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna, or Janssen,** in a country mentioned above, you will be considered unvaccinated, and will need to follow the entry rules for unvaccinated individuals.

>   It is important to note that 1.) **your vaccination status should *not* affect the success of your visa application** and 2.) **you will still be able enter the country if you have not been vaccinated using the UK overseas vaccination program.** However, we recognize that this system will provide challenges for some of you as you try to enter the country and that this is an unfair government policy which will perpetuate COP's inaccessibility. For all those who are standing on the frontlines of both the Covid-19 pandemic and the climate crisis, we stand in solidarity, and will do everything we can to help make your voice heard at COP.

Passenger Locator Form: this is the online form which you need to complete **before you travel to the UK.** You can do this here:
https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk

Key Covid Information

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Coming from ALL COUNTRIES

Delegates: There is no requirement to self-isolate or quarantine. Your vaccination status does not affect this.

Non-Delegates: Before leaving all travellers must

1. Fill out a passenger locator form within 48 hours of their flight
2. Take a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of their flight
3. Book and pay for COVID-19 tests from the Government to be taken after arrival in the UK. This can be done here: https://quarantinehotelbookings.ctmportal.co.uk/

Vaccinated: There is no requirement to isolate or quarantine. You must take a pre-purchased COVID-19 test on your second day of being in the UK. If this is positive you must immediately self isolate.

Not Vaccinated: You must quarantine either at home or at their accommodation for 10 days. COVID-19 tests must be taken on/before day 2 and day 8 of you being in the UK.

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The Documents You Need When Travelling

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- Passport or Identity Card
- Proof of a negative COVID test
- Completed passenger location form
- Receipt of your purchase of COVID tests in the UK
- Copies of your supporting documents
- Vaccine certificate/passport
- **If you are a delegate:** your UN accreditation letter.

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What to Expect when travelling (Summarized)

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Arriving in the UK: when you arrive at the UK border you will be directed to the UK Border Force Officer, who will confirm that your identity matches your passport, and ensure you are entering the UK for the same reason that you said on your visa application. You should expect to be asked questions about what you intend to do in the UK.

Always be courteous with the Officer and answer all questions truthfully.

Border Force Officers have the power to detain you for further questioning. **Stay calm.** If this happens, show them the letter of support you received from our partners at Teneu Legal and ask to call the Coalition at: +44 7502 715756. We will advise you of any important steps.

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Documents You Should Carry

These are the documents you will need to bring with you when entering the UK:

- **Passport or identity card**: your passport must be valid for your full stay in the UK. It must also contain at least one blank page for your visa. The airline or transport provider will check your passport and other travel documents you have provided before you begin your travel.
- **Proof of a negative COVID-19 test**: you will need to buy a specified COVID-19 PCR test and take this test within the 3 days before you travel. When boarding your plane, you will need to prove that you have taken this test and that the result from it was negative.
    - For more about the COVID tests, please see page 6.
- **Completed Passenger Locator Form**: at the border you will need to show that you have completed a passenger locator form. You must complete this form online before you fly, and carry either a **digital** or a **paper** copy of the completed form.
- **Receipt of your purchase of COVID tests in the UK:** you will be asked to show that you purchased either a day 2 COVID test (if you are fully vaccinated) or a day 2 and day 8 test (if you are not fully vaccinated). You must carry either a **digital** or a **paper** receipt of your purchase.
- **A copy of the supporting documents:** these should not be necessary as the UK Government will have looked over them already. However, a border officer might ask you for further documents, or an explanation, when you arrive in the UK.
- **Vaccination certificate or vaccine passport.**
- **If you are a delegate, your UN Accreditation Letter.**

COVID-19 and Travelling

For arrival from all countries:

If you are a delegate:

There is no requirement to self-isolate or quarantine. Your vaccination status does not affect this.

If you are not a delegate

Before leaving all travellers must

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2. Take a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of their flight
3. Book and pay for COVID-19 tests from the Government to be taken after arrival in the UK. This can be done here: https://quarantinehotelbookings.ctmportal.co.uk/

Vaccinated: There is no requirement to self isolate or quarantine. You must take a pre-purchased COVID-19 test on your second day of being in the UK.   If this is positive you must immediately self isolate.

Not Vaccinated: You must quarantine either at home or at their accommodation for 10 days. COVID-19 tests must be taken on/before day 2 and day 8 of you being in the UK.

IMPORTANT: If you are not a delegate you <u>must</u> have been vaccinated in the countries mentioned on page 2, with either two doses of **Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca** or one dose of **Janssen.** If you do **not** have COP accreditation and have **not** been vaccinated this way, **you must follow the entry rules for unvaccinated individuals**. This means that you must quarantine for 10 days at your accommodation and complete two covid tests. These tests must be purchased from this link here.

Before You Fly

Before you fly, you must: fill out a Passenger Locator Form, take a COVID test in your country of departure, and buy COVID tests for day 2 and 8 of your isolation.

Passenger Locator Form: The Passenger Locator Form (or PLF) is a document that the Government will use to contact you if someone you have travelled with develops COVID-19 symptoms, or tests positive for COVID-19. You must complete the Passenger Locator Form within 48 hours of travelling to the UK. You can fill out the Form at this link here: https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk

Before you travel and after you complete the form, you must either **print** the form or **save a downloaded copy** on your mobile phone. At the UK border, the UK Border Force officers will ask to see your form, and will scan the QR code at the top of your form so they can confirm you have successfully completed it.

Take a COVID test in your country: If you are vaccinated, you do not need to take a COVID test before flying. If you are unvaccinated, you **must** take a COVID test within 48 hours of flying to the UK.

Generally, the types of tests that are accepted are PCR tests, LAMP tests, and sometimes Lateral Flow tests. Please remember that if you are buying a Lateral Flow test, you **must ask if your test meets the requirements for travel to the UK.** You can find more details about the standards of the UK Government here: https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine/pages/testing-for-people-travelling-to-scotland/

If your test comes out positive, you **must not travel to the UK.** If it comes out negative, make sure to bring the original test result certificate with you when you travel, and check that the certificate includes:

- Your name, as seen on your Travel Document (ID or Passport)
- Your date of birth or age
- The negative result of the test
- The date the test was done
- The name of the company who did the test and their contact details
- The name of your test device.

If your test result does not include all these criteria, then you risk being unable to travel to Scotland.

Your test result must also be in either English, French or Spanish.

> **Getting a test in a country you are travelling through:** You will need to show your test results when you board a flight to Scotland. If you are traveling through another country before travelling to Scotland, we recommend that you get a test 3 days before your final flight to Scotland. If your test is more than three days old, you may be fined and forced to self isolate for 10 days when you arrive in the UK.

Buying COVID tests for day 2 and 8: Before you travel, you must buy COVID tests for testing in the UK.

If you are fully vaccinated: you must buy a test for day 2 of your stay in the UK. You must buy this test here: https://quarantinehotelbookings.ctmportal.co.uk/ Please note you **must** buy this test before you fly to the UK, as you will need to show a receipt that you bought the test when you arrive in the UK.

If you are not fully vaccinated: you must buy a test for day 2 and day 8 of your isolation in Scotland. You must buy this test here: https://quarantinehotelbookings.ctmportal.co.uk/ Please note you **must** buy this test before you fly to the UK, as you will need to show a receipt that you bought the test when you arrive in the UK.

In summary, you must:

1. Fill out a Passenger Locator Form **48 hours before you fly to the UK**
2. Take a COVID test in your country **48 hours before you fly to the UK**

3. Buy COVID tests
   a. If you are fully vaccinated, you must buy a COVID test for **day 2 of your stay**
   b. If you are not fully vaccinated, you must buy a COVID test for **day 2 and day 8 of your isolation.**

Boarding the Plane - Talking With Airline Staff

Airline Staff have a large discretion to make decisions about who is allowed to board the plane, and who is not. They will ask you for your boarding pass and for proof of a negative COVID test when you are boarding your flight. If they have any suspicions about your entry to the UK, they will ask you further questions.

Before flying, you should make sure you have a copy of **all of your documents**, including:

- Passport or Identity Card
- Proof of a negative COVID test
- Completed passenger location form
- Receipt of your purchase of COVID tests in the UK
- Copies of your supporting documents
- Vaccination certificate/passport
- **If you are a delegate:** your UN accreditation letter.

If you are questioned by airline staff, make sure to provide them with any documentation they ask for from the list above. If you are a delegate, present them with your UNFCCC Delegate certificate.

Stay calm, try to write down everything that they say, and report back to us if you have any difficulties, at +44 7502 715756.

Arriving in the UK - Immigration and Customs

What happens at immigration: When you arrive at the UK Border you will be directed to a UK Border Force Officer. These Officers will take your passport and check your Visa.

They have **two roles:**
1. To confirm that your identity matches your passport. They may ask you a couple of simple questions if they have any concerns, particularly if your passport is old and worn.
2. To ensure that you are entering the UK for the same reason that you said on your visa application. These Border Officers have the power to detain you for further questioning and even to deport you if they do not believe that you are a genuine visitor.

The Border Officers will probably ask you about what you intend to do while you are in the UK.

If you have a delegate badge: your visa should state that you are a delegate and you can confirm this with the Officer by providing your delegate letter.

If you are not a delegate: You may need to give some more information about what you will be doing in the UK. Explain to the Officer that you are travelling to Glasgow for COP26 and let them know of any invitations or media events you are going to.

Always be courteous with the officer and answer all questions truthfully. If you are detained by the Officers for any length of time it is important to stay calm. You can show them the letter of support from our partners at Teneu Legal and you can ask the officers to contact them. You may not be allowed to use your mobile phone, but **you can ask to phone the Coalition at +44 7502 715756** and we can advise you of any important steps.

Guide to banned and restricted items: There are some items that are illegal to bring into the UK. Whether you know that they are banned or not, if you bring such an item to the UK it can prolong and complicate your experience with customs and immigration. Below is a list of banned and restricted items. The most common items have been bolded:
- Controlled drugs
- Offensive weapons (such as flick knives)
- Self-defence sprays (such as pepper spray and CS gas)
- Endangered animals and plant species
- Rough diamonds
- Indecent and obscene materials (such as books, magazines, films, and DVDs)
- **Personal imports of meat and dairy products from most non-EU countries**
- Firearms, explosives, ammunition.

After Immigration - Quarantining, Covid Testing, and Isolation

Taking Your COVID-19 Tests: Whether you aren't having to isolate or you are isolating in your accommodation, you will have to take at least one COVID-19 test.

Isolating at home: To enter the UK, you will have already bought your COVID-19 tests before you travel. They will be sent to your accommodation.

> **If you are fully vaccinated and/or a delegate** you will have to test once on day 2 of your stay.
> **If you are not a delegate and are considered to be unvaccinated**, you will have to take two tests: one on day 2 of your isolation and one on day 8. You will need to send these tests to the NHS by mail. Follow the instructions in the testing package closely to complete all necessary steps.