



Guide to UK Covid-19 Travel Restrictions

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This document will be updated periodically as government guidelines change. This document contains references to the new international travel system as of 14th October 2021. Please note that the UK Government Regulations are subject to change at short notice and it is your responsibility to check prior to departure. If you are planning to arrive in the UK before this date please read the earlier version of this guidance. Please double check your country's listing at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>

Key Definitions and Information

COVID-19 Tests: any references in this guidance to tests needed in the UK must be from an approved service.

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 any vaccine will meet this test.

If you are not a delegate you must have been vaccinated with either Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna or Janssen in the UK/EU/USA or from a relevant public health body in Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bahrain, Brunei, Canada, Dominica, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan or the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Proof of Vaccination Status: 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 using the UK Overseas scheme 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.

- If you have *not* been vaccinated using one of the above vaccination programs, you must 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 one of the above vaccination programs.** 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 may need to complete when arriving in the UK. You can do this here:

<https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>

Red List Countries: see below for the specific countries. all countries are now split into Red List Countries and 'the rest of the world'. The Rules for those who have been in a red List country in the last ten days before arriving to the UK are much more strict and care should be taken.

What it means to be a delegate:

The British government has made special rules for people attending COP who hold an official delegate pass (you must hold the accreditation). In this document, the word delegate refers to anyone who has a conference badge. **People who do not hold accreditation must follow the standard visitor rules**. More information about the specific guidance for delegates can be found here:

<https://ukcop26.org/the-conference/delegates/>.

On the following pages we have laid out the current rules for people travelling from Red List countries and those traveling from the rest of the world. After this we have given recommendations for common situations many people are beginning to find themselves in as they work to come to Glasgow.

These rules will change on November 1st. On November 1st there will no longer be a Red List.

Red List Rules

Red list as of October 14th , 2021

Colombia	Ecuador	Panama	Venezuela
Dominican Republic	Haiti	Peru	

If you are a delegate:

Vaccinated: You must quarantine for 5 days

Not Vaccinated: you must quarantine for 10 days under the standard rules below for non-delegates

If you are not a delegate:

No matter your vaccination status, if you have been in any red list country 10 day before arrival to the UK, you will be denied entry. You will need to travel to a non-red list country and apply for a UK visa from there

'Rest of the world' Rules

If you are a delegate:

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

Before you travel:

1. you should try to get a vaccine if possible
2. you must record your vaccine status in the UNFCCC portal
3. be able to evidence a Negative COVID Test 72 hours before departure
4. Complete a Passenger Locator Form

If you are not a delegate

Vaccinated: There is no requirement to self isolate or quarantine.

Before you travel to the UK you must book and pay for a COVID Test to be taken after arrival in the UK, and you must complete a passenger locator form. please note that there is no

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: Before leaving all travellers must

1. Within 72 hours of their flight, take a COVID-19 test
2. book and pay for COVID-19 tests to be taken after arrival in the UK, and must complete a passenger locator form (see above).

You must quarantine at the place you are staying for ten days. You must take a pre-purchased COVID-19 test on or before day two and after day 8 in the UK. If this is positive you must immediately self isolate.

If you are arriving in England you may be able to use the 'Test to Release Scheme'. This will allow you to leave isolation if you pay for a private COVID test on Day 5 which is negative. Please note that this does not apply if you are landing in Scotland.

Further Rules

If you transit through another country:

There are very specific rules on transit. You must consider all of the countries that you have visited in the last ten days. You must follow the tight red list rules, if you have travelled through a red list country even if you originally departed a green list country.

you can only avoid this if your transit stop is by plane, by ship, or by train and does not let any passenger off or on the plane/train/ship. All transit stops by road vehicle, however, require that you apply the most stringent rules.

At this time, there are no restrictions in place for travel within the UK (for example, between England and Scotland); however, the rules can change. The Scottish Government can impose travel restrictions for those arriving from England as well as strengthen restrictions on those arriving from abroad compared to England.

If a country is, for whatever reason, not on any of the above lists, additional guidance may be required prior to travel.

The above is up to date as of 27/09/2021. The rules on quarantine in Scotland are set to change to bring them into line with England .

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine/pages/what-you-must-do/>

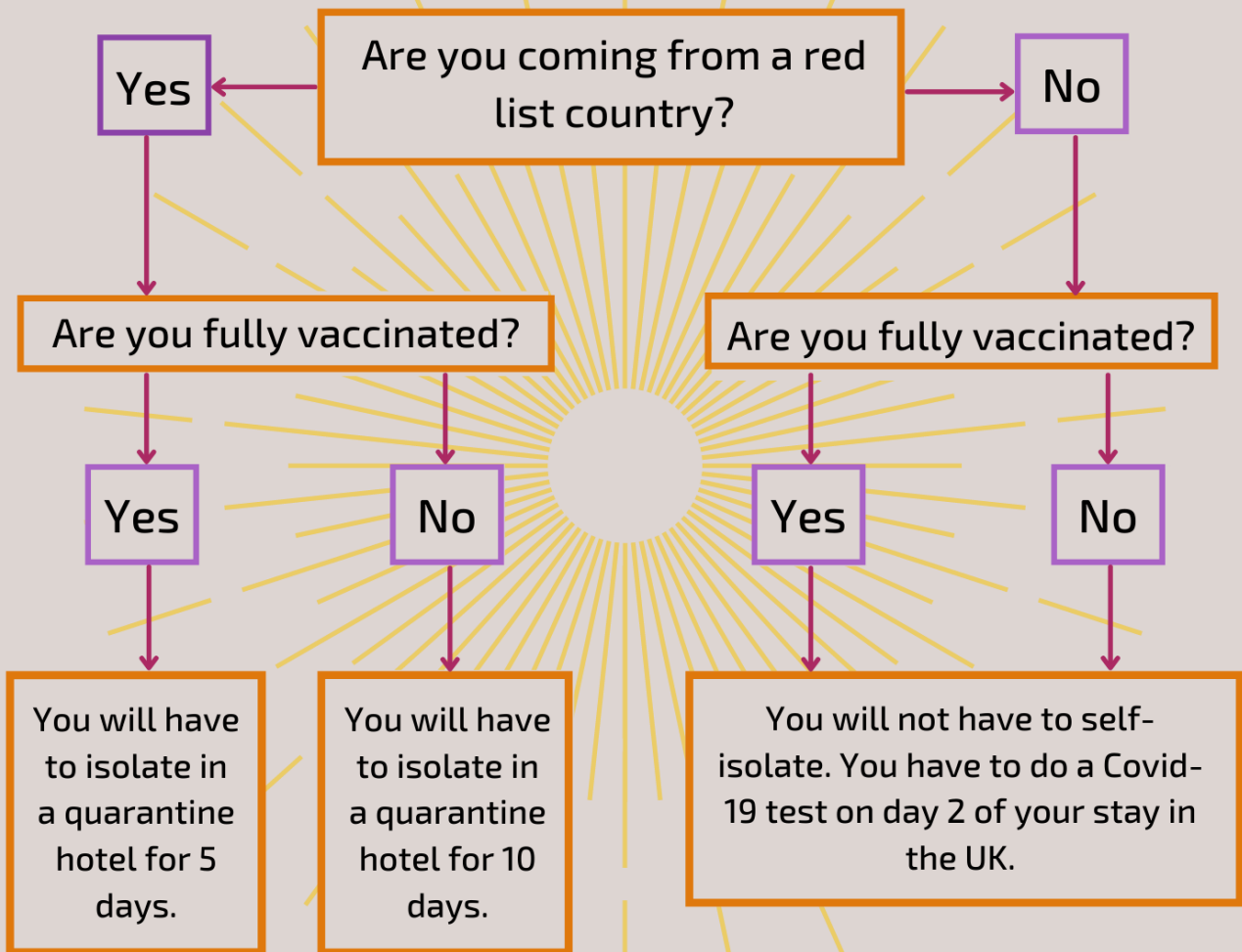
Recommendations for Common Travel Situations

Coming from a Red-list country - Vaccinated - not a delegate

- You must travel to a country not on the red list and remain there for at least **ten** days before traveling to the UK or you will be denied entry. Evidence should be kept of your travel. You can then follow the rules for 'rest of the world. Please note that the UK Government is delaying issuing visas to nationals in Red List Countries. IF YOU ARE LOOKING AT THIS OPTION PLEASE CONTACT US AT visa@cop26coalition.org

Delegates

All delegates must get a negative Covid-19 test no more than 72 hours before their first flight



Non-Delegates

You will not have to do a Covid-19 test before you travel.

