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Red, amber and green list rules for entering England

Countries rated as red, amber or green for Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the rules you must follow to enter England.

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What you must do when you arrive in England from abroad depends on where you have been in the 10 days before you arrive.

This page lists countries and territories as red, amber or green and tells you what you must do if you have been in those countries or territories.

Red list countries and territories

What you must do if you have been in a country or territory on the red list in the 10 days before you arrive in England.

If you have been in a country or territory on the red list in the last 10 days you will only be allowed to enter the UK if you are a British or Irish National, or you have residence rights in the UK.

You must follow these rules even if you have been vaccinated.

Before travel to England

Before you travel to England you must:

- take a COVID-19 test (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-people-travelling-to-england)
- book a quarantine hotel package, including 2 COVID-19 tests (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/booking-and-staying-in-a-quarantine-hotel-when-you-arrive-in-england)
- complete a passenger locator form (https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk)

On arrival in England

On arrival in England you must:

- quarantine in a managed hotel, including 2 COVID-19 tests (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/booking-and-staying-in-a-quarantine-hotel-when-you-arrive-in-england)

Red list of countries and territories

You should not travel to red list countries or territories.

Red list	Upcoming changes to the red list	
Angola		
Argentina		
Bangladesh		
Bolivia		
Botswana		
Brazil		
Burundi		

Red list	Upcoming changes to the red list	
Cape Verde		
Chile		
Colombia		
Congo (Democratic Republic)		
Ecuador		
Eswatini		
Ethiopia		
French Guiana		
Guyana		
India		
Kenya		
Lesotho		
Malawi		
Maldives		
Mozambique		
Namibia		
Nepal		
Oman		
Pakistan		
Panama		
Paraguay		
Peru		
Philippines		
Qatar		

Red list	Upcoming changes to the red list	
Rwanda		
Seychelles		
Somalia		
South Africa		
Suriname		
Tanzania		
Turkey		
United Arab Emirates (UAE)		
Uruguay		
Venezuela		
Zambia		
Zimbabwe		

Ireland, the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

You do not need to take a COVID-19 test or quarantine on arrival in England if you are travelling within the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, (the Common Travel Area (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-travel-area-guidance/common-travel-area-guidance)), and you have not been outside of the Common Travel Area in the previous 10 days.

Amber list countries and territories

What you must do if you have been in an amber country or territory in the 10 days before you arrive in England.

You must follow these rules even if you have been vaccinated.

Before travel to England

Before you travel to England you must:

- take a COVID-19 test (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-people-travelling-to-england)
- book and pay for day 2 and day 8 COVID-19 travel tests (https://www.gov.uk/find-travel-test-provider) – to be taken after arrival in England
- complete a passenger locator form (https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk)

On arrival in England

On arrival in England you must:

- quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 days
- take a COVID-19 test on or before day 2 and on or after day 8

Read about quarantine and taking COVID-19 tests (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-quarantine-when-you-arrive-in-england).

Children aged 4 and under do not need to take the day 2 or day 8 test.

You may be able to end quarantine early if you pay for a private COVID-19 test through the Test to Release scheme (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-test-to-release-for-international-travel).

If you have been in a country or territory on the red list

If you have also been in or through a country or territory on the red list in the 10 days before you arrive in England, you must follow the red list rules.

Read about making a transit stop in a red list country or territory.

Countries moving to the red list

If conditions change in a country or territory, it can be moved from the amber list to the red list. If that is likely to happen, this will normally be flagged in the table below. If there is a sudden change in conditions, a country or territory may be moved between lists without warning.

Amber list of countries and territories

You should not travel to amber list countries or territories.

Amber list	Upcoming changes to the amber list
Afghanistan	
Akrotiri and Dhekelia	
Albania	
Algeria	
Andorra	
Anguilla	
Antigua and Barbuda	
Armenia	
Aruba	

Amber list	Upcoming changes to the amber list
Austria	
Azerbaijan	
The Bahamas	
Bahrain	
Barbados	
Belarus	
Belgium	
Belize	
Benin	
Bermuda	
Bhutan	
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	
British Antarctic Territory	
British Indian Ocean Territory	
British Virgin Islands	
Bulgaria	
Burkina Faso	
Cambodia	
Cameroon	
Canada	
Cayman Islands	
Central African Republic	
Chad	

Amber list	Upcoming changes to the amber list
China	
Comoros	
Congo	
Cook Islands, Tokelau and Niue	
Costa Rica	
Côte d'Ivoire	
Croatia	
Cuba	
Curaçao	
Cyprus	
Czech Republic (Czechia)	
Denmark	
Djibouti	
Dominica	
Dominican Republic	
Egypt	
El Salvador	
Equatorial Guinea	
Eritrea	
Estonia	
Fiji	
Finland	
France	
French Polynesia	

Amber list	Upcoming changes to the amber list
Gabon	
The Gambia	
Georgia	
Germany	
Ghana	
Greece (including islands)	
Greenland	
Grenada	
Guadeloupe	
Guatemala	
Guinea	
Guinea-Bissau	
Haiti	
Honduras	
Hong Kong	
Hungary	
Indonesia	
Iran	
Iraq	
Italy	
Jamaica	
Japan	
Jordan	
Kazakhstan	

Amber list	Upcoming changes to the amber list
Kiribati	
Kosovo	
Kuwait	
Kyrgyzstan	
Laos	
Latvia	
Lebanon	
Liberia	
Libya	
Liechtenstein	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Macao	
Madagascar	
Malaysia	
Mali	
Malta	
Marshall Islands	
Martinique	
Mauritania	
Mauritius	
Mayotte	
Mexico	
Micronesia	

Amber list	Upcoming changes to the amber list
Moldova	
Monaco	
Mongolia	
Montenegro	
Montserrat	
Morocco	
Myanmar (Burma)	
Nauru	
Netherlands	
New Caledonia	
Nicaragua	
Niger	
Nigeria	
North Korea	
North Macedonia	
Norway	
The Occupied Palestinian Territories	
Palau	
Papua New Guinea	
Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands	
Poland	
Réunion	
Romania	
Russia	

Amber list	Upcoming changes to the amber list
Samoa	
San Marino	
Sao Tome and Principe	
Saudi Arabia	
Senegal	
Serbia	
Sierra Leone	
Slovakia	
Slovenia	
Solomon Islands	
South Korea	
South Sudan	
Spain (including the Balearics and Canary Islands)	
Sri Lanka	
St Kitts and Nevis	
St Lucia	
St Maarten	
St Martin and St Barthélemy	
St Pierre and Miquelon	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	
Sudan	
Sweden	
Switzerland	
Syria	

Amber list	Upcoming changes to the amber list
Taiwan	
Tajikistan	
Thailand	
Timor-Leste	
Togo	
Tonga	
Trinidad and Tobago	
Tunisia	
Turkmenistan	
Turks and Caicos Islands	
Tuvalu	
Uganda	
Ukraine	
United States (USA)	
Uzbekistan	
Vanuatu	
Vietnam	
Wallis and Futuna	
Western Sahara	
Yemen	

The amber list is not exhaustive. If a country or territory is not on this list, you should not assume that it is a green or red list country or territory. Countries and territories are only green or red if they appear on the green or red list.

Ireland, the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

You do not need to take a COVID-19 test or quarantine on arrival in England if you are travelling within the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, (the Common Travel Area (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-travel-area-guidance/common-travel-area-guidance)), and you have not been outside of the Common Travel Area in the previous 10 days.

Green list countries and territories

This section tells you what you will have to do if you travel to England from a country or territory on the green list. You must only have been in or travelled through a green list country or the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man in the previous 10 days.

You must follow these rules even if you have been vaccinated.

Before travel to England

Before you travel to England you must:

- take a COVID-19 test (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-people-travelling-to-england)
- book and pay for a day 2 COVID-19 test (https://www.find-travel-test-provider.service.gov.uk/test-type/green) – to be taken after arrival in England
- complete a passenger locator form (https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk)

On arrival in England

You must take a COVID-19 test (https://www.find-travel-test-provider.service.gov.uk/test-type/green) on or before day 2 after you arrive.

Children aged 4 and under do not need to take this test.

You do not need to quarantine unless the test result is positive.

You must quarantine (https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/if-youre-told-to-self-isolate-by-nhs-test-and-trace-or-the-covid-19-app) if NHS Test & Trace informs you that you travelled to England with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have been in a country or territory on the red or amber list

If you have also been in or through a country or territory on the red list in the 10 days before you arrive in England, you must follow the red list rules.

If you have also been in or through a country or territory on the amber list in the 10 days before you arrive in England, and have not visited a country on the red list, you must follow the amber list rules.

Read about making a transit stop in an amber or red list country or territory.

Countries on the green watchlist or moving to amber

If conditions change in a country or territory, it can be moved from the green list to the amber or red list. If that is likely to happen, this will normally be flagged in the table below. If there is a sudden change in conditions, a country or territory may be moved between lists without warning.

Green list of countries and territories

Green list	Green watchlist and upcoming changes to the green list
Australia	
Brunei	
Falkland Islands	
Faroe Islands	
Gibraltar	
Iceland	
Israel and Jerusalem (https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-consulate-general-jerusalem#uk-position-on-jerusalem)	
New Zealand	
Portugal (including the Azores and Madeira)	
Singapore	
South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	
St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	

Ireland, the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

You do not need to take a COVID-19 test or quarantine on arrival in England if you are travelling within the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, (the Common Travel Area (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-travel-area-guidance/common-travel-area-guidance)), and you have not been outside of the Common Travel Area in the previous 10 days.

Transit stops in amber or red list countries

When you arrive in England you need to follow the rules for the highest risk country or territory that you have been in or passed through in the previous 10 days. That can include transit stops.

A transit stop is a stop where passengers can get on or off the same part of the transport in which you are travelling. It can apply to ships, trains or flights. Your ticket should show if a stop is a transit stop.

The rules of a country or territory that you make a transit stop in could apply if:

- new passengers get on and are able to mix with you

- you or other passengers get off the transport you are on and mix with other people, then get on again

Making a transit stop would not affect what you have to do on arrival in England if, during the stop:

- no new passengers, who are able to mix with you, get on
- no-one on-board gets off and mixes with people outside
- passengers get off but do not get back on

Private vehicles or coaches travelling through amber or red list countries and territories

If you are travelling to England in a private vehicle, the rules of the countries and territories you drive through apply. For example, if you drive through an amber list country, then you must follow the amber list rules when you arrive in England.

This applies whether you stop in the country or territory or not. You need to record the countries and territories you drive through on your passenger locator form (https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk).

Transiting through airports in England

See what you need to do if you are transiting 'landside' or transiting 'airside' through England (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-air-travel-guidance-for-passengers#transiting-through-the-uk).

Job and medical exemptions

Some people are exempt from some or all of the requirements:

- because of the job they do (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules)
- for medical or compassionate reasons (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exemptions-from-managed-quarantine-for-medical-and-compassionate-reasons)

Travelling abroad from England

You should not travel to amber list or red list countries or territories.

Demonstrating your COVID-19 vaccination status when travelling abroad

People in England who have had a full vaccine course (2 doses) can demonstrate their COVID-19 vaccination status for outbound international travel.

Other countries or territories determine their own border health rules, which may include COVID-19 vaccination status. Check the entry requirements for your destination before travelling.

Find out:

- about demonstrating your NHS COVID-19 vaccination status (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad) using the NHS App (https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/nhs-app), NHS website (https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/vaccination-status-for-travelling-abroad/) or letter (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-status-what-your-confirmation-letter-tells-you)
- if the countries or territories (https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) you are travelling to accept proof of COVID-19 vaccination status as part of their entry requirements
- how to prove your COVID-19 vaccination status if you are a resident of Northern Ireland (https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-advice), Scotland (https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine) or Wales (https://gov.wales/arriving-wales-overseas)

The government is working with the devolved administrations to ensure this facility is available to everyone across the UK.

Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office travel advice

Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) travel advice continues to advise against all non-essential travel to some countries and territories. Many other countries have rules in place about who can enter and what you can do when you are there. These rules are not related to which colour list that country is on. Before you travel, you should read:

- guidance on travelling abroad during the coronavirus pandemic (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus)
- FCDO travel advice for the countries you will visit (https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)

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1. 17 May 2021
   New green list of countries and territories with Australia, Brunei, Falkland Islands, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Iceland, Israel and Jerusalem, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha moved from the amber list.
2. 12 May 2021
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