Travel Guidance for returning students

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Dear Students

I just want to catch up with you about your plans to return to the UK as there have been some changes to the immigration rules, effective from Monday 2 August.

Government guidance may change before September, but if you wish to book flights now, this is the [latest information](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england):

* All travellers must have a negative PCR Test taken no more than 72 hours before travel, to enter the UK
* **Students from Red List countries**are required to book a [Quarantine Package](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/booking-and-staying-in-a-quarantine-hotel-when-you-arrive-in-england) and stay in a Government hotel for ten days
* **Students from Amber List countries** are required to quarantine for 10 days (not in a Hotel) and book a Travel Test Package for Day 2 and Day 8 tests

**Students from the following Amber List countries**  do not have to quarantine on arrival and only have to book the Travel Test Package for a Day 2 test.

[To be eligible](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-quarantine-when-you-arrive-in-england) to avoid quarantine, you must have been fully vaccinated in:

* an [EU country](https://www.gov.uk/eu-eea) ( Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden)
* Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland or the Vatican City
* USA

If you were vaccinated in a different European country it will not be recognised in England. The vaccine must have been authorised by:

* + the European Medicines Agency (EMA)
  + Swissmedic for Switzerland
  + Residents in the USA must have been fully vaccinated with a vaccine authorised by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

**Students from Green List Countries** do not have to quarantine and only have to book a  Travel Test Package for a Day 2 test (before travel)

**Students from Amber and Red List countries should therefore arrive eleven days before their course starts to complete quarantine**(arrival day is day 0)**.**

**Students from Green List countries or Amber List countries with an exception (Eu, EEA, USA) should arrive in time for the start of teaching.**

**Travel/Arrival Checklist**

1. Check that you have a passport that is valid for at least six months after the date you will leave the UK
2. Check which List ([Green, Amber or Red](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england)) your country is on when you travel and check the rules for your Country.
3. Take a PCR Test 72 hours before arrival and keep proof with your travel documents. You can choose a local provider for this test.
4. If you are travelling from a Red List country, book a Quarantine Package.
5. If you are from an amber country not listed above, book a Travel Test Package (choose the cheapest from the [list on the Government website](https://www.gov.uk/find-travel-test-provider)) for both Day 2 and Day 8 tests.
6. If you are from a Green List country, or an Amber List country in the Eu, EEA or USA, book the Travel Test Package for a Day 2 test.
7. Complete the [Passenger Locator Form](https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk)online. Before you start, have your passport, flight details, booking reference for the Travel Test Package, and address of your UK accommodation.
8. Arrive in the UK - it is likely that your passport, evidence of the negative PCR test and the Passenger Locator Form will be checked by immigration staff

**Please note:**

* Amber and Green Countries - the Travel Test Package will be sent to your UK address and will contain two tests to be taken on Day 2 (and Day 8 if applicable) of the quarantine period.
* Amber countries - students who are required to quarantine can use the [Test-to-Release scheme](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-test-to-release-for-international-travel#how-the-test-to-release-scheme-works) if you want to cut short the quarantine period. This involves purchasing a PCR test from a Government-designated provider before you travel and  identifying this on the [Passenger Locator Form](https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk). The test can be taken on Day 5 (not before) and if negative you can end quarantine on Day 6 (i.e. you leave 4 days earlier), presuming you have a negative result back by then (postal tests can take up to 36 hours).

General information for international students is available [HERE.](https://www.hope.ac.uk/international/informationforinternationalstudents/) For all other questions contact [internationalhub@hope.ac.uk](mailto:internationalhub@hope.ac.uk).

Best wishes

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