

Covid-19 Bulletin

17 May 2021



Resources to support compliance as restrictions ease

The Government has produced a [suite of posters](#) for business in England to display in premises to explain the new rules following the easing of restrictions.

The following guidance has been updated to reflect the new rules which take effect today (17 May 2021):

- [Working safely during coronavirus](#)
- [What you can and cannot do](#)
- [Restrictions on businesses and venues](#)

People are being encouraged to continue to work from home if you can, travel safely, and follow the rules.

New rules as international travel ban is lifted

The Government has published [a list of countries and territories](#) and classed them as red, amber or green to make clear what you must do if you have been in those countries or territories within 10 days of arriving in England.

A simple online portal has been launched to help people to easily find the [tests required for 'green list' and 'amber list' arrivals](#) based on several criteria, including cost.

Those with a requirement to travel overseas are advised to [Sign up for an email alert](#) to be notified when the page is updated, as the status of countries and territories can change at any given time.

Essential information for customers travelling abroad

The Government has published the [Passenger COVID-19 Charter](#), providing information for passengers to outline their rights and responsibilities when travelling this summer.

Holidaymakers are advised to check [travel advice](#) for their specific destination before travelling.

As people start to plan their trips abroad, members are reminded to make their rental and leasing customers aware of the requirement to have a VE103 certificate when [taking a vehicle abroad](#).

Proof of vaccination when travelling abroad

The Government has published [guidance](#) on demonstrating Covid-19 vaccination status when travelling abroad. [Proof of vaccination status](#) is available, in digital or paper format, to people who live in England and are registered with a GP or have an NHS number.

There are currently not many countries that accept proof of vaccination, so people will still need to follow other [rules when travelling abroad](#), such as getting a negative pre-departure test.

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Change to the reporting of infection rates

The Government is now reporting four separate R values and growth rates for each nation, instead of one for the whole of the UK.

New figures published on 14 May show that England had an R value between 0.8 and 1.1 meaning that, on average, every 10 people infected will infect between 8 and 11 other people.

The growth rate is between -3% and 1% meaning that the number of new infections could be shrinking by up to 3% every day or growing by up to 1% every day.

Figures for [Wales](#), [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) are published on their respective websites.