British Film Commission -

Travelling to and from the UK for Work in Film and High-end TV Drama Production During COVID-19

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This document summarises Government guidance relating to international travel and should be read in conjunction with ['Working Safely During COVID-19 in Film and High-end TV Drama Production'](#).

NOTE: All usual [immigration requirements](#) for entering and working in the UK still apply.

Travelling to the UK

If you are travelling within the [Common Travel Area](#), excluding the Republic of Ireland, you do not need to:

- complete a passenger locator form
- take any COVID-19 tests
- quarantine on arrival

NOTE: People travelling to the Republic of Ireland must check [Irish government guidance](#) for details before travel.

If you have been outside the Common Travel Area in the previous 10 days, you must follow the guidance below.

Travel from non-red list countries if you are fully vaccinated
To qualify under the fully vaccinated rules for travel to the UK, you must have proof of vaccination with a full course of an approved vaccine. The proof must have been issued by:

- the UK or UK overseas vaccination programme
- the United Nations vaccine programme for staff and volunteers
- one of the [countries or territories listed](#) by UK government

You must have had a complete course of one of the following vaccines at least 14 days before you arrive in the UK:

- Oxford/AstraZeneca
- Pfizer BioNTech

- Moderna
- Janssen
- Sinovac
- Sinopharm Beijing
- Covaxin
- Novavax (Nuvaxovid and Covovax)

The day you have your final dose does not count as one of the 14 days.

Formulations of these vaccines, such as AstraZeneca Covishield, AstraZeneca Vaxzevria and Moderna Takeda, qualify as approved vaccines.

If you were vaccinated with a two-dose vaccine (Moderna, Pfizer BioNTech, Oxford AstraZeneca, or a combination of them), you must have had both doses to be considered fully vaccinated for travel to the UK. This applies in all cases, even if you've recently recovered from COVID-19 and have natural immunity.

Where two doses of a vaccine are required for a full course, you can:

- Mix two different types of vaccine, for example Oxford/AstraZeneca and Moderna
- Have the two vaccinations under two different approved programmes, for example Australia and Japan, UK and USA, EU and Canada

The rules for fully vaccinated people also apply if you are:

- Under 18 and resident in the UK or a country or territory with an approved proof of vaccination
- The child of someone who is fully vaccinated under the UK overseas vaccination programme
- Taking part in an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial in the UK or USA
- Unable to have a COVID-19 vaccination for a medical reason which has been approved by a clinician under the medical exemptions process, and you are resident in England or Scotland. **NOTE**: this does not apply if you are resident in Northern Ireland or Wales.

If you qualify as fully vaccinated, you only have to complete your Passenger Locator Form any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in the UK.

You must be able to prove that you have been fully vaccinated under a vaccination programme with approved proof of certification.

If you are fully vaccinated under the UK vaccination programme, you can prove your vaccination status using one of the following:

- NHS COVID Pass in England and Wales
- NHS Scotland COVID Status app
- COVIDCert NI in Northern Ireland

Paper certificates are also available.

There are different ways to prove your vaccination status if you were vaccinated outside of the UK. Check what proof is required for the country or territory where you were vaccinated.

The vaccine certificate must be issued by a national or state-level public health authority, be in English, French or Spanish, and include as a minimum:

- your forename and surname(s)
- your date of birth
- vaccine brand and manufacturer
- date of vaccination for every dose
- country or territory of vaccination and/or certificate issuer

If your document from a public health body does not include all of these, you must follow the non-vaccinated rules. If not, you may be denied boarding.

NOTE: If you are fully vaccinated in the USA, you will need to show a CDC card showing you have had a full course of an FDA-approved vaccine in the USA. One of the following US state-issued certification solutions may also be used as proof of full vaccination:

- California Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record
- New York State Excelsior Pass Plus
- Washington State WA Verify

If you are fully vaccinated, but do not qualify under these fully vaccinated rules, you must follow the non-vaccinated rules.

Cast and crew must check the latest government guidance for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales as appropriate before travelling.

Travel from non-red list countries if you are not fully vaccinated
You must follow these rules if you:

- Do not qualify under the fully vaccinated rules
- Are partially vaccinated
- Are not vaccinated

Before you travel to the UK you must:

- Take a pre-departure COVID-19 test in the two days before you travel to the UK (travellers aged 12 and above only)
- Book and pay for a day 2 COVID-19 PCR tests – to be taken after arrival in the UK
- Complete your Passenger Locator Form any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in the UK

After you arrive in the UK you must:

- Take a COVID-19 PCR test on or before day 2

You only need to isolate* if your test result is positive.

From 24 February, in England, suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 are not required by law to self-isolate. Those who have any symptoms of COVID-19 should take a PCR test. Anyone who tests positive is advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days. Those testing positive for COVID-19 are encouraged to inform their close contacts so that they can follow relevant guidance.

Confirmed cases in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales can also end their self-isolation after five full days, on the basis they test negative twice at least 24 hours apart. In Wales, the requirement to self-isolate after a positive test result remains a legal obligation. Those who leave self-isolation early are strongly advised to limit close contact with other people in crowded or poorly ventilated spaces, work from home and minimise contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19.

Cast and crew must check the latest government guidance for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales as appropriate before travelling.

Travel from red list countries
You must follow these rules if you are:

- Fully vaccinated
- Partially vaccinated
- Not vaccinated

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.

Before you travel to the UK, you must:

- Take a pre-departure COVID-19 test within the two days before you travel to the UK (travellers aged 12 and above only)
- Book a quarantine hotel package, including two COVID-19 PCR tests
- Complete your Passenger Locator Form any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in the UK

When you arrive in the UK, you must quarantine in a managed hotel and take two COVID-19 PCR tests.

If you get coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms while in the UK

You should look for any of the following important symptoms during your stay in the UK:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, even if your symptoms are mild, you should stay at home or at your designated accommodation and arrange to have a test. You should self-isolate in line with the latest Government advice where you are*.

Alert your production immediately on noticing symptoms, however mild. They will advise you of their symptom response plan, including when and how to seek medical assistance, and help to arrange an appropriate coronavirus (COVID-19) test for you.

Anyone who is not experiencing symptoms but tests positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate for the mandated period* starting from the day the test was taken.

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Please check the latest guidance in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales as rules differ between the nations.

For a medical emergency while working in the UK, dial 999.

If a co-worker or close contact gets coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
From 24 February, in England, close contacts of confirmed cases are no longer required by law to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, regardless of their vaccination status. Instead, contacts should take precautions and follow the relevant guidance to reduce the risk to themselves and other people.

In Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, only those who are fully vaccinated and identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 do not need to self-isolate but should undergo daily testing and follow the relevant guidance. To qualify as fully vaccinated, they must have received their second dose of an MHRA-approved COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to contact with a positive case.

In Scotland, there is no requirement for the vaccine to have been administered in the UK. In Wales, check for local guidance as this may differ. If you were vaccinated outside the UK, you must be able to show an approved proof of vaccination if asked by a public health official or an enforcement officer.

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International Travel Guidance Update Log

- up to and including V.14.1, 25 February 2022

25 February 2022 (V.14.1)	
	Updated guidance to clarify legal status of self-isolation rules in Scotland and add further information on new public health advice in England.
24 February 2022 (V.14.0)	
	Updated guidance to reflect new rules on self-isolation in England and Northern Ireland.
11 February 2022 (V.13.0)	
	Updated guidance to reflect new testing requirements for international arrival into the UK and the removal of the Quarantine Exemption for British Qualifying Film and HETV.
28 January 2022 (V.12.11)	
	Updated guidance to reflect alignment of the self-isolation period for confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the UK.
25 January 2022 (V.12.10)	
	Updated guidance to reflect changes to the self-isolation period for confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Northern Ireland.
	Updated guidance to reflect that from 27 January face coverings are longer required by law in England.
17 January 2022 (V.12.9)	
	Updated guidance to reflect the reduction of the self-isolation period for confirmed cases of COVID-19 in England.
	Updated guidance to reflect the addition of Novavax to the list of approved vaccines.
07 January 2022 (V.12.8)	
	Updated guidance to reflect the removal of the requirement for pre-departure testing, and changes to post-arrival self-isolation and testing requirements, in Northern Ireland and Scotland.
06 January 2022 (V.12.7)	
	Updated guidance on self-isolation and testing requirements for confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
	Updated guidance to reflect the removal of the requirement for pre-departure testing, and changes to post-arrival self-isolation and testing requirements, in England and Wales.
23 December 2021 (V.12.6)	
	Updated guidance on self-isolation requirements for confirmed cases of Covid-19 in England.
17 December 2021 (V.12.5)	
	Updated guidance to reflect recognition in England of approved vaccines administered outside the UK under the NHS Test and Trace programme.

14 December 2021 (V.12.4)	
	Updated guidance on close contact self-isolation requirements in England and Scotland.
08 December 2021 (V.12.3)	
	Updated guidance on self-isolation requirements relating to the Quarantine Exemption for British Qualifying Film and HETV.
08 December 2021 (V.12.2)	
	Updated guidance on new pre-departure testing requirements for all arrivals aged 12 and above.
02 December 2021 (V.12.1)	
	Updated guidance on self-isolation requirements relating to the Omicron variant.
	Updated guidance to reflect new testing requirements within the Common Travel Area.
30 November 2021 (V.12.0)	
	Updated guidance to reflect changes to self-isolation requirements for the Omicron variant.
	Updated guidance to reflect changes to testing and self-isolation requirements for international arrivals to the UK.
	Updated guidance to reflect changes to mandatory wearing of face coverings.
23 November 2021 (V.11.3)	
	Updated guidance on approved vaccines for fully vaccinated passengers.
	Updated guidance on entry requirements for passengers fully vaccinated in the USA.
01 November 2021 (V.11.2)	
	Updated guidance on testing requirements for fully vaccinated passengers arriving in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales from non-red list countries.
25 October 2021 (V.11.1)	
	Updated guidance on testing requirements for fully vaccinated passengers arriving in England from non-red list countries. Updated guidance on testing requirements for the Quarantine Exemption for British Qualifying Film and HETV.
04 October 2021 (V.11.0)	
	Updated guidance on changes to international travel rules, including removal of traffic light system.
21 September 2021 (V.10.0)	
	Updated guidance on self-isolation requirements for those taking part in vaccine trials.
	Reinstatement of quarantine exemption for British qualifying film and HETV.
16 August 2021 (V.9.2)	
	Updated guidance on self-isolation requirements across the UK.
06 August 2021 (V.9.2)	
	Updated guidance on quarantine waiver.
30 July 2021 (V.9.1)	
	Clarified scope of new quarantine waiver.

30 July 2021 (V.9.0)	
	Guidance added covering new quarantine waiver.
22 July 2021 (V.8.0)	
	Updated guidance for cast and crew returning to the UK from amber list countries.
02 July 2021 (V.7.2)	
	Updated guidance on coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
02 June 2021 (V.7.1)	
	Updated guidance on introduction of traffic light system for international travel.
17 May 2021 (V.7.0)	
	New guidance on introduction of traffic light system for international travel. Updated guidance on removal of Travel Declaration Forms.
01 April 2021 (V.6.1)	
	Updated guidance on Declaration Form for International Travel to reflect roadmap out of lockdown for England.
19 March 2021 (V.6.0)	
	Document title updated to reflect new content. Link added to test-booking information for travellers who will quarantine at home upon entering England from international destinations. Travel Bans and Mandatory Hotel Quarantine - updated guidance regarding travel to Northern Ireland. Updated guidance on introduction of travel declaration form for those travelling from England.
17 February 2021 (V.5.1)	
	Updated guidance on mandatory hotel quarantine and testing for permitted arrivals, including addition of information for Scotland and Wales.
11 February 2021 (V.5.0)	
	Updated guidance to reflect mandatory hotel quarantine and testing for permitted arrivals from countries on the travel bans list. Updated guidance on COVID-19 testing requirements. Updated guidance on Test to Release.
05 February 2021 (V.4.1)	
	Updated guidance on travel bans. Updated guidance on COVID-19 testing requirement for anyone arriving in the UK.
19 January 2021 (V.4.0)	
	Updated guidance on suspension of travel corridors. Updated guidance on Test to Release eligibility. Updated guidance on suspension of the British Qualifying Film and HETV Exemption.
15 January 2021 (V.3.1)	
	Updated guidance on travel bans. Updated guidance on COVID-19 testing requirement for anyone arriving in the UK.
14 December 2020 (V.3.0)	
	Updated guidance on self-isolation period. Updated to reflect new 'Test to Release' scheme.

09 December 2020 (V.2.4)
Updated to reflect removal of additional travel restrictions from Denmark.

11 November 2020 (V.2.3)
Updated guidance on travel from Denmark.

29 September 2020 (V.2.2)
Updated guidance on the 14-day 'bubble' for those exempt from self-isolation. Clarity on the required certificate number as proof of qualification for exemption.

31 July 2020 (V.2.1)
Updated guidance on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 symptoms or who have tested positive.

17 July 2020 (V.2.0)
Updated to reflect legislation now applicable UK-wide.

10 July 2020 (V.2.0)
Updated wording regarding eligibility and immigration requirements. Updated to reflect addition of Devolved Administrations. Updated guidance on required contents of eligibility confirmation letters.