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## 12th May 2021

### New and returning students travelling from overseas

The UK Government advice is that in-person teaching for all university students can resume from 17 May, as we outlined in our previous update.

#### Arrival procedure

For students travelling to the UK from overseas from 17 May at the earliest, there will be different restrictions applied to students arriving from overseas (known as the 'traffic light system') depending on level of risk. Risk will be based on factors such as the level of community transmission, variants of concern, levels of testing, genomic sequencing and reporting.

#### Countries will be sorted into three categories

- [Red list countries](#): High-risk countries
- [Amber list countries](#): Moderate-risk countries
- [Green list countries](#): Low-risk countries

Students will need to comply with the following measures, depending on which country they have departed from/travelled through in the preceding 10 days:

Measure	Green	Amber	Red
Passenger locator form	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pre-departure test	Yes	Yes	Yes
Managed quarantine at hotel	No	No	10 Days
Self-isolation at own accommodation	No	10 Days	N/A
Test to release	N/A	On day 5	No

Measure	Green	Amber	Red
PCR testing	On or before day 2	On or before day 2	On or before day 2
Further PCR testing	No	Day 8	Day 8

Students should refer to the [latest information](#) on country risk levels before travelling.

Before arriving in the UK, **all students should:**

- Check the very latest information on entering the UK
- Inform their provider when they intend to arrive on campus so that they can be appropriately supported
- Check the arrivals procedure for the country that they are travelling from/through, and whether that country is on the red, amber or green list
- Ensure that, prior to departing for England, they have proof of a negative COVID-19 test result taken within three days of departure - more information on pre-departure testing is available
- Book and pay for a travel test package which will include COVID-19 tests to be taken on or before day 2 and – in some instances - on or after day 8. More information about quarantine testing is available
- Complete a [passenger locator form](#) upon arrival
- Check whether the country they are travelling from is a [‘red list’ country](#), meaning they will need to complete their quarantine in a managed quarantine hotel. These students should see the guidance for students who have been in, or transited through, a 'red list' country (see below) in the last 10 days
- While travelling, remember to follow the safer travel guidelines and plan ahead to avoid busy times
- Speak to their travel insurer

For further guidance around red, amber and green countries, please [visit the government update](#).