

New measures in the fight against coronavirus

To protect your health and others the rules have changed for all international arrivals into the UK. From Monday 15 February:

- **Hotel Quarantine:** All international arrivals into England who have been in a [‘red list’ country](#) at any point in the 10 days before their arrival will be required to quarantine in a government-approved Managed Quarantine Facility (MQF) for 10-days. Bookings can be made using the [quarantine hotel booking portal](#).
- **Rigorous Testing:** It will be mandatory for all international arrivals, regardless of whether they are quarantining at home or in a MQF, to take a test on day 2 and 8 of their 10-day quarantine period. Those not in a MQF must [purchase a home testing package](#). International arrivals quarantining at home will have the option of opting into the Test to Release scheme.
- **Strong Enforcement:** The Government will back this new system with strong enforcement of both home and hotel quarantine at the UK border and in-country.
- **Designated Points of Entry:** To support these arrangements, arrivals from ‘red list’ countries will only be permitted to enter England through a small number of designated points of entry that currently account for the vast majority of passenger arrivals. This list of entry points will be kept under review, so please refer to [GOV.UK](#) for the latest information.

General Maritime

The following is a summary of what this means for general maritime or recreational boating.

Travel

Under current UK COVID-19 restrictions (national lockdown), you must stay at home. You must not leave your home or travel, including internationally, unless you have a legally permitted reason to do so. You may not travel to go on holiday. For General Maritime (GM), this means that no leisure boating is permitted.

The Government has announced its plans to ease restrictions in the [Roadmap](#) out of lockdown. From 29 March, as part of the first step, Stay at Home restrictions will be lifted. The Government will continue to advise that people minimise travel up to and including Step 3.

Entering or returning to England

If you intend to travel to England from abroad, including UK nationals returning home, you must:

- take a coronavirus test and get a negative result during the 3 days before you travel
- book and pay for a travel test package, which will include COVID-19 tests to be taken on day 2 and day 8 of quarantine
- complete a passenger locator form (PLF) with details of where you will home quarantine when you arrive and the travel test package booking reference number

If you have travelled through a red list country at any point in the last 10 days, you will be refused entry to the UK

- Red list travel ban countries are kept under constant review and may change – it is your responsibility to see if the country you are intending to sail from has been added to the list.

UNLESS you are a British or Irish National or have residence rights in the UK, then:

- You can only enter through a small number of designated entry points and will be required to quarantine in a government-approved Managed Quarantine Facility (MQF) for 10 days rather than at home
- There are currently no maritime ports designated as points of entry – other points of entry may be added in the future and it is your responsibility to check if further changes have been made to entry points into England.

Further information

What to do before and after you arrive in England, including staying at home and ordering coronavirus (COVID-19) tests. [Full guidance](#)

How to book a place in a quarantine hotel and arrange coronavirus (COVID-19) tests if you're travelling to England from a country on the banned travel list. [Full guidance](#)

Check here for red list countries <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/transport-measures-to-protect-the-uk-from-variant-strains-of-covid-19>