

Covid-19 Update - Quarantine for those travelling to the UK

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- Anyone arriving into the UK from 8th June is required to self-isolate for 14-days
- This requirement applies to all agricultural workers unless they are seasonal workers working in edible horticulture
- They will not be able to work during the 14-day self-isolation period

The UK Government have confirmed that international travellers arriving in the UK from 8 June 2020 will have to self-isolate for 14 days. The rules apply to all UK residents and international visitors.

If you have any foreign workers who may be travelling from and subsequently to the UK after this date the quarantine rules will apply to them.

Those arriving in the UK will have to:

- Provide journey and contact details before they travel by completing the public health locator form. The form may be completed up to 48 hours before travel to the UK.
- Self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. During which they will not be able to work, receive visitors or leave the address they have given as their isolation address.
- Follow the appropriate Government advice and request a test if they develop Covid-19 symptoms.

Are there any relevant exemptions?

Exemptions for those traveling from Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man apply.

Agricultural exemptions apply only to seasonal workers working in edible horticulture and do not apply to other sectors.

How does the process work?

The form is not yet available but when available can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control>.

Failure to provide contact details attracts a fine of £100 and failure to self-isolate for 14 days £1,000. It is believed that spot-checks on the individuals' given isolation address will be carried out.

Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are yet to confirm the details of how the measures will be implemented but the presumption would be that a similar quarantine arrangement will apply.

What other advice can I give my team?

We are aware that many foreign workers who have trips planned are feeling anxious about their return. Although their right to work or visa implications are not affected by the Covid-19 rules, ensuring they have a copy of their employment contract and letter regarding their key worker status may provide reassurance.

Advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advises against all but essential travel and you should not travel if you have the **symptoms of Coronavirus**.

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