

## **Mandatory COVID-19 testing for inbound flights to the UK**

In line with the legislation introduced by the UK government, all of our International Flights operating into the United Kingdom will require customers to undertake a pre departure test. This requirement takes effect at 04:00 UK time on Monday 18 January 2021.

We will therefore require all customers on flights operating into the United Kingdom, arriving from 04:00 UK time on Monday 18 January, 2021 to provide evidence of a negative Covid test taken within 3 days of departure and a completed Passenger Locator Form. Acceptable tests include PCR, LAMP, or Antigen tests provided they meet standards outlined by the UK Government.

Customers who are unable to travel on their intended departure date will be able to move their flights to a later date using the British Airways 'Book with Confidence' policy.

<https://www.britishairways.com/en-gb/traveltrade/bookings-policies/policies/covid-policies>

More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-people-travelling-to-england>.

### **FAQs**

#### **Who will need to have a test?**

All customers, including those travelling from a travel corridor country, other than those on a very short list of exemptions.

#### **What type of test is suitable?**

The details on the types of suitable tests are found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-people-travelling-to-england>

#### **Who is exempt?**

##### **Travel from some countries**

You do not need to take a test if you began your journey to England from:

- Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey
- Ascension, Falkland Islands, St Helena
- For a limited time period, you also do not need to take a test if you began your journey to England from:
  - Antigua and Barbuda, St Lucia or Barbados (until 4am Thursday 21 January 2021 – you will need a test to travel on or after this date)
- Children and medical reasons
- Children aged under 11 do not need to take a test.

##### **You do not need to take a test if you are travelling to the UK:**

- for urgent medical treatment or are accompanying someone who is travelling for urgent medical treatment, and it is not reasonably practicable for you to obtain a negative COVID-19 test in the 3 days before departure
- if you have a medical condition which means you cannot take a test – you must present a note from a medical practitioner at check in and to Border Force staff on arrival in England

### **Exempt jobs**

People doing the following jobs do not need to take a test:

- border and customs officials
- channel tunnel system workers
- defence personnel, visiting forces and government contractors
- hauliers
- air, maritime and rail crew
- civil aviation inspectors
- people transporting human cells and blood products
- seamen and masters and inspectors and surveyors of ships
- specialist technical workers doing emergency works
- Also, in limited circumstances:
  - foreign government officials
  - UK government officials conducting essential state business, essential government work or essential policing

### **Will customers in transit be required to have a test?**

Yes. All customers will be required to have a test.

### **What if I test positive?**

We will move your departure date in accordance with our 'Book with Confidence' policy.

### **When will customers need to provide evidence of a negative Covid-19 test?**

Passengers should be prepared to show documentation when asked by an airline or other official. This should be the original test certificate. Your test result can be provided as a physical, printed document, or via email or text message, which you can show on your phone.