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## VSbulletin COVID-19 UK Travel Corridor Suspension and Arrival Testing - 15 January

We're aware of the UK Government's decision to close all travel corridors from **Monday 18th January at 0400 GMT**, meaning that any international arrivals will need to self-isolate for 10 days or utilise the [Test to Release scheme](#). This will coincide with the beginning of the mandatory requirement for a negative Covid-19 test result before departure for England. Full details can be found [here](#)

All arriving customers, including those transiting, need to comply with the new testing requirement and complete [an online passenger locator](#) form before they reach the UK border. Failure to do so will result in denied boarding, and may result in a fine.

The only countries on the current travel corridor list that Virgin Atlantic is operating services to or from are Barbados and Antigua & Barbuda. Customers travelling from these countries after 0400 GMT on Monday 18 January will need to self-isolate

for 10 days, or reduce this to 5 days through the [Test to Release scheme](#).

From 18 January all passengers, including UK Nationals, aged 11 years and over must provide a negative Covid-19 test result before departure for England, taken up to 3 days before departure. This includes transiting passengers.

The new rule will come into effect later for Antigua, Barbados and St Lucia – at 0400 GMT on Thursday 21 January – to allow additional time due to limited testing infrastructure in those countries.

We will be incorporating this into our pre-departure communications to customers so they are aware of the mandatory requirement. Please ensure the latest traveller contact information is available within the booking so the latest instructions reach the traveller.

We encourage agents and travellers to regularly [check here](#) for more information. As more information becomes available, we will keep this site update to date with the full details and FAQs.

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## **Stay Current on Travel Restrictions and Entry Requirements**

Many of the countries we fly to and from have put [strict entry requirements](#) in place. The safety and wellbeing of our customers and people is always our top priority, and we continue to follow the advice of the UK Government and international health organisations.

While we are constantly reviewing the information available to us, which is [available here](#), please make sure you and your customers stay up to date by visiting the relevant government's website for the very latest travel updates and advice. It's really important to check the latest travel restrictions in place at the destination before going to the airport, including eligibility for entry and screening. If travellers do not meet the requirements, they may not be allowed to fly.

**Please ensure the latest traveller contact information is available within the booking so the latest instructions reach the traveller via SMS and email.**

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## **USA Arrivals Testing**

From 28<sup>th</sup> December, The US Government is requiring all UK arriving air travellers, including children 2 and over, to present

evidence of a PCR, LAMP or antigen test taken within 72 hours before departure. See: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) announcement](#) and Customer FAQ [here: CDC UK Covid-19 Testing FAQs](#)

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### **Flexibility Policy**

We continue to offer flexibility for customers whose plans have been impacted by the Covid-19 situation including rebooking up to 31 December 2022. View our latest [policy here](#).

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### **Still Planning to Travel?**

We will continue to provide vital international connectivity from/to London Heathrow Terminal 2 for customers that are permitted to travel for work, education or other legally permitted reasons, and if that's the case, we're here and ready to help your customers fly safe and fly well. Please check [here](#) for specific flight status.

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### **Travellers Stuck Away from Home?**

For customers who are mid-trip and away from home [please check here](#) for instructions.

Fly safe, fly well



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