



## International Student Club Covid Safety Information

We are working hard at ISC to prepare for the safe return of our students and staff on our courses this summer. Read all about our Covid safety measures at Bloxham School.

# To keep everyone safe at ISC, there will be some changes to our programme:

- Pre-course Covid safety training for all staff.
- Pre-course Covid safety information to be sent to agents, group leaders and students.
- Pre-course language testing to take place partially/fully remotely.
- One-way systems around campus to allow for social distancing.
- Use of hand-sanitising and cleaning stations throughout campus.
- As of January 2022, face masks are required on campus. Most indoor venues require face masks to be worn in England.
- Use of face masks and hand sanitiser on school transport.
- Use of Covid-19 tests if a student/staff member has symptoms.
- Online lessons (pre-recorded), academic assistance and welfare support to be provided for students who need to isolate.
- As of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022, anyone over 12 arriving in the UK, will need to book and take <u>a lateral flow/PCR Covid-19 test by the second</u> <u>day.</u> If the lateral flow test is positive, you will need to self-isolate and take a free PCR test.
- Travellers also need to complete a Passenger Locator Form before travel.
- The day 2 lateral flow/PCR test must be booked with a UK government-approved provider.

We encourage all students, group leaders and staff to be fully vaccinated to help protect one another on campus. Under 18s and fully-vaccinated adults are currently treated as the same under UK government rules.









FAQs

### What do I need to do if travelling to the UK?

Under current UK government guidelines, <u>over 12s</u> and <u>fully vaccinated adults\*</u> travelling from non-red list countries to England need to:

• book and take a lateral flow/PCR Covid-19 test before the end of your second day in the UK, this must be booked with a UK government-approved test provider before travelling.

• complete a 'Passenger Locator Form' with Bloxham School's address, ISC's telephone number and the reference number for your day 2 test. This must be presented at boarding.

• you may also need to have a Covid-19 test 72 hours before your return travel, depending on your country's requirements.

ISC will advise on government approved test providers and assist with the administration of tests in the UK. Parents are responsible for the cost of day 2 Covid-19 tests and need to organise tests for their son/daughter prior to travel to the UK. Face masks are required in public transport hubs and on public transport.

#### What insurance do I need?

All students and group leaders are required to have adequate Covid-19 cover as part of their travel insurance. This must provide specific cover for an individual who tests positive for Covid/has to self-isolate prior to their departure to the UK, meaning they cannot travel, or if he/she tests positive/has to self-isolate during their stay in the UK.

ISC are able to offer comprehensive Covid-19 travel insurance through Guard Me Insurance at  $\frac{\text{£15 per person}}{\text{per course}}$ , per course. Please contact us for full details.

### What happens if someone has Covid-19 symptoms on campus?

The symptomatic individual will be supervised by an ISC staff member and a free PCR test will be organised. They will have to isolate in their bedroom with a private bathroom. Meals, drinks and extra linen will be delivered to their room. Areas where the individual has spent time will be cleaned and disinfected.

Any <u>close contact</u> of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 must take daily lateral flow tests for seven days. If any of the lateral flow tests are positive, they must immediately self-isolate. If the person is asymptomatic, they do not need to take a follow up PCR test. This applies to individuals under 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, including those who are recognised as vaccinated under <u>the UK's inbound travel policy</u>. They do not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms or test positive for Covid-19.









#### FAQ Cont.

If the symptomatic individual is under 18, the nominated 'Responsible Person' - Al Dadge, Course Director, will contact NHS 111/119 to seek advice. Parents and agents will be contacted immediately. If the person is seriously ill, 999 will be called for an ambulance. While in the UK, international visitors with Covid-19 symptoms are entitled to free NHS tests and treatment.

#### What happens if someone tests positive for Covid-19 at ISC?

Any individual at ISC who has a positive test result will usually need to self-isolate for ten days, even if they are not showing symptoms. However, the individual can stop isolating earlier than the full 10 days, if they have <u>two consecutive</u>, <u>negative lateral</u> <u>flow test results 24 hours apart</u>, and do not have a high temperature. Individuals can take lateral flow tests on day 5 (five days from when they had first had symptoms/when they took the test if no symptoms) and day 6 and stop self-isolating on day 6 if they have had two negative lateral flow test results.

ISC will contact the local health authority and fully comply with their requirements. If safety and hygiene measures are strictly observed, we hope to reduce the risk of others having to self-isolate. Agents and parents will be immediately informed if a student has to self-isolate.

Staff/students must isolate in their bedrooms. A bathroom rota will be organised in the event of a group having to self-isolate. Meals, drinks and extra linen will be delivered to their room. Deep cleaning will take place where the individual has been.

ISC's directors will provide full welfare support and students can take part in ISC's daily online lessons (pre-recorded) and live, interactive sessions through Google Classroom. In the event of a student having to self-isolate after their course end date, the ISC directors will remain on site to care for the students. The agent/parent should have adequate insurance in place to cover the cost of rescheduled flights and extra nights' accommodation and meals. The cost per extra night at Bloxham is £55.

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This applies to individuals under 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, including those who are recognised as vaccinated under <u>the UK's inbound travel</u> <u>policy</u>. They do not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms or test positive for Covid-19.

What is ISC's cancellation policy? ISC guarantees a full refund of course fees up until two weeks before your course start date only if you are unable to travel due to Covid-19 international travel restrictions, imposed by the UK or your own aovernment.







#### FAQs Cont.

Please ensure you have adequate travel insurance in case of testing positive for Covid or having to self-isolate during your stay in the UK or prior to your departure to the UK, meaning you are unable to travel.

#### What are the travel rules for passengers arriving from countries on the UK's red list for international travel?

Under current UK government guidelines, adult arrivals from red list countries must:

- take a Covid-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure to the UK
- book and pay to stay in a UK government-approved quarantine hotel for 10 days
- take Covid travel PCR tests on day two and day eight.

Passengers arriving from red list countries are only allowed to arrive at a limited number of airports in the UK. Children arriving to the UK from a red list country cannot travel alone. To enter a quarantine hotel, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## What are the UK travel rules for adult passengers who are <u>not</u> fully vaccinated?

Passengers arriving from non-red list countries who are <u>not</u> fully vaccinated, must:

- take a Covid-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure to the UK
- quarantine for 10 days in their accommodation, they may be able to leave quarantine early, if they pay for an additional day 5 PCR Covid-19 test
- book and take two Covid-19 PCR tests on day two and eight after arrival
- you may also have to take a Covid-19 test before your return travel, depending on your country's requirements.

For travel to England, an adult is considered fully vaccinated if they have had a complete course of the Pfizer BioNTech, Oxford/AstraZeneca, Moderna or Janssen vaccines, or a combination of these, at least 15 days before arrival.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, the Sinovac, Sinopharm Beijing and Covaxin vaccines were added to the approved list of vaccines for travel to England.

\*UK Government's List of Countries with Approved Vaccines:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countries-with-approved-covid-19-vaccinationprogrammes-and-proof-of-vaccination

#### \*This information will be reviewed and updated in line with UK government guidelines. ISC's Covid-19 Secure Risk Assessment can be found on our website.\*



