

International travel to the UK this summer

Since restarting international travel to the UK last month, the UK Government has categorised countries as either 'red', 'amber' or 'green' for inbound travel to the UK. The UK government has said that classifications are deliberately cautious at this time, allowing them to have more flexibility as time goes on, and the lists will be reviewed every 3 weeks (starting from 17th May).

The full list of countries in each category can be found [here](#). **Please ensure you check these lists carefully and identify on which list the country you will be travelling to the UK from can be found.**

Our hope is that an increasing number of countries will be added to the 'green' list as we get nearer to the summer, and thus students from those countries will face the fewest restrictions. However, in order to serve those families for whom quarantine remains a requirement, Reach Cambridge has made provision to accommodate **all** students from 'amber' list countries who may require a place in which to quarantine in the UK this summer.

Rest assured, we are here to help and we wish to work with all our families and groups to keep the lines of communication open over the coming months. Please read our briefing below and do [contact us](#) if you have any further questions or concerns.

We are keeping this page under review on the lead up to the summer, so please check it regularly and do ask us if you have any questions.

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Pre-Departure Information



It is important to note that ALL travellers, even those travelling from 'green' list countries, **must take a test** in the 3 days before travelling to the UK. The result of this test must be negative, it may be required in order to board your transport, and it must be provided on arrival in the UK. In addition, ALL travellers must **complete a passenger locator form** in the 48 hours before travelling to the UK and this includes a booking reference number for the test(s) you will need to take once you have arrived in the UK. **This link** explains which tests are required, depending on the country you are travelling from. We will share details on how to book these tests nearer your departure date.

Travel from Green Countries

If you are travelling from a country that has been designated 'green', you will not need to undertake a period of quarantine upon arrival. Travellers will be required to take a pre-departure coronavirus test and pre-order a test to be taken within 2 days of arrival in the UK. More information on the practicalities of booking your test will be shared in advance of the summer.

Travel from Amber Countries

Travellers from 'amber' list countries will need to undertake a period of quarantine as well as adhering to the testing regime. We are happy to say that we have made provision to

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accommodate all students travelling from 'amber' list countries who may require a place in which to quarantine in the UK this summer.

Students may choose to take up our quarantine plan any time from 26th June, throughout the summer. The UK government's '[Test to release](#)' scheme permits travellers to take a test on day 5 (in addition to tests on days 2 and 8) and end their quarantine as soon as they receive a negative test result, thus shortening the standard 10 day quarantine requirement. Our quarantine provision includes accommodation, meals, supervision by Reach Cambridge staff, daily outdoor exercise, interaction with other students over Zoom where possible and classes over Zoom if your period of quarantine covers class time. Please contact us for more information on our quarantine plan, including costs, testing and the booking process.

Quarantine FAQ for 'amber' list countries

- Will my child have to quarantine upon arrival? How long for?

Yes, if your child is travelling from an 'amber' list country, they will need to quarantine. The period of quarantine, which is typically 10 days, can be limited to 5 full days via the 'test to release' scheme.

- When should I arrive in Cambridge to ensure I complete my quarantine before the program begins?

We are providing quarantine provision from 26th June onwards, and students can choose to take up the quarantine provision for as long as they wish. So, for example, a student aiming to start Program 1 on 4th July could arrive with us on the 28th June, take their 'test to release' test on the 3rd July and therefore be free of quarantine on 4th July, assuming they have received a negative test result.

- I will be travelling with my child; will I be able to quarantine with them?

For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to accommodate adults within our quarantine provision, but there are a number of hotels and B&Bs in central Cambridge which can be found here: <https://www.visitcambridge.org/>

- Will someone meet my child at the airport upon arrival to take them to the campus for their quarantine?

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Yes, you may book a 'meet and greet' airport transfer with our trusted transport partner at a charge of £117 for London Heathrow to the college campus and £142.50 for London Gatwick to the college campus.

- How many tests will I need to book, when and where from?

Travellers must purchase coronavirus tests in advance of travelling, as required by the UK government's quarantine policy, which at the moment would mean a test on day 2, a test after 5 full days (optional - for early 'test to release') and a test on day 8 (even if you have been released from quarantine after a negative result from a day 5 test), so three tests in total.

We will share details on how to book these tests nearer your departure date. The tests are currently priced at around £100 per test.

It is also important to note that ALL travellers **must take a test** in the 3 days before travelling to the UK. The result of this test must be negative, it may be required in order to board your transport, and it must be provided on arrival in the UK. In addition, ALL travellers must **complete a passenger locator form** in the 48 hours before travelling to the UK and this includes a booking reference number for the test(s) you will need to take once you have arrived in the UK.

- My child is vaccinated, will they still need to quarantine?

All travellers, whether vaccinated or not, will need to undertake the same period of quarantine if they are travelling from an 'amber' list country.

- What happens if I book your quarantine provision and then the country where my child is travelling from is subsequently moved to the green list prior to their arrival?

We, and the College where you will be quarantining, will continue to be as flexible as possible. You may cancel your quarantine up to 14 days before your arrival in the event that the country you are travelling from is added to the 'green' list or you make alternative quarantine arrangements.

- Will my child be able to mix with other students who are quarantining with Reach Cambridge? Will there be activities and interactions?

Students must remain in their rooms at all times except when accessing the facilities on their corridor or when taking their daily exercise in the grounds of the College. There will be daily

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interactions over Zoom with Reach Cambridge staff and other students who are also quarantining.

- What happens if my child tests positive during their period of quarantine?

In the event of a positive test, government guidance must be followed; this will involve a further period of self-isolation.

- If my child undertakes their period of quarantine during their program rather than prior to the program, will they still be able to join in activities and classes etc?

Yes – students will join their class over Zoom, as well as other activities such as the evening lecture. There will also be opportunities to get to know the other students, particularly those on their corridor, over Zoom.

Travel from Red Countries

If you will be travelling from a 'red' list country or are planning to be in a red list country within 10 days of your travel date to the UK, please do get in touch and we would be happy to help ascertain your options for this summer.

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