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Coronavirus (COVID-19): cruise ship travel

Advice for travellers to who have booked or are planning a cruise ship holiday

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) currently advises British nationals against all but essential international travel. Travel to some countries and territories is currently exempted.

On 9 July 2020, the FCO updated advice against all cruise ship travel in the light of the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic situation. Based on advice from Public Health England (PHE), the recommendation applies to international travel on sea-going cruise ships, which provide overnight accommodation and leisure facilities, with people from multiple households [1].

Advice for travellers

If you have future cruise travel plans, you are advised contact your cruise line, travel operator, or the travel company you booked with, for further advice.

Advice for health professionals

Health professionals who get queries about cruise ship travel are advised to direct members of the public to the FCO advice and the travel operator for more information.

The government advice on cruise ship travel will continue to be reviewed according to the latest medical information.

Resources

- Public Health England (PHE)
- TravelHealthPro: cruises

References