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## UK government to introduce new border measures

### England to introduce additional enforcement rules for those travelling to the UK

- **This updates the news item of 10 February 2021**

On 27 January 2021, the UK Government announced that managed isolation in hotels will be introduced for those UK residents who are able to enter the UK from countries where there is an [international travel ban](#). They will be required to isolate for 10 days without exception in these facilities from the 15 February 2021 and undergo further COVID-19 testing [1, 2].

The hotel quarantine package will be booked through a dedicated online portal [2]. Strict enforcement measures will be applied to those who fail to quarantine or take the mandatory tests.

Non-UK residents from countries subject to a UK travel ban, will continue to be refused entry [2,3].

All international arrivals arriving from any country into England, are required to present a negative COVID-19 test taken up to 72 hours before departure and must self-isolate for 10 days, regardless of a negative pre-departure test [2,4]. Further details, including the information that the test must include and those travellers exempt from testing, can be found here: [UK Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for people travelling to England](#).

As of 15 February 2021, additional COVID-19 testing on day 2 and day 8 will be required by all international arrivals, whether under home or hotel quarantine [2].

In addition to a negative COVID-19 test result, all passengers arriving into England by boat, plane or train must still complete a [passenger locator form](#) and are subject to any national lockdown restrictions.

Different rules may apply for testing, self-isolation and quarantine in [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

## References

1. [GOV.UK Government confirms mandatory hotel quarantine to be introduced from 15 February](#). [Accessed 11 February 2021]
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3. [GOV.UK Tougher border controls to protect public health, 27 January 2021](#). [Accessed 11 February 2021]
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