



Note Verbale No. A252/21

Protocol Department of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office presents its compliments to all international organisations and has the honour to provide an update on the further measures of Her Majesty's Government in response to the spread of the Omicron variant.

In addition to the measures set out in Note Number A235/21 and an amendment to the measures detailed in Note Number A208/21, the Secretary of State for Health and Social care has reintroduced the requirement for international travellers to take a pre-departure test up to 48 hours before travel to the UK. From 4 am Tuesday 7 December anyone aged 12 and above, including members of international organisations and their recognised dependants, wishing to travel to the UK, will need to show a negative pre-departure test (LFD or PCR) regardless of vaccine status or country of departure.

For clarity, members of international organisations and their recognised dependants remain exempt from completing the passenger locator form, mandatory testing on arrival and managed quarantine. However, for public health reasons, are strongly encouraged to complete tests on or before by the end of day 2 and, if applicable, on day 8 after arrival. If [fully vaccinated](#), there is no requirement for to complete Form 0 to inform the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office about travel to the UK, **Protocol Directorate will not provide acknowledgement of Form 0** where it is not required to travel to the UK.

Submission of a Form 0 is required only when travelling from a non-red list country **and** not fully vaccinated **if** it is confirmed that your work is essential to the functioning of the international organisation and cannot be undertaken while self-isolating. There is no exemption from 10 days self-isolation when arriving in the UK from a country on the red list.



However, international organisations should continue to notify DMIOU in advance of the arrival of new staff posted to the UK via Form 1.

The latest UK Covid -19 guidance can be found [here](#).

Protocol Directorate assures diplomatic missions and consulates that application of these regulations is without prejudice to any immunity from jurisdiction or inviolability that an individual might enjoy otherwise than by the operation of the regulations.

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all international organisations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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