Rules for entering the UK

You must follow the guidance on international travel and quarantine as appropriate when travelling to the UK and Scotland.

It's important that you understand what entry requirements you will need to adhere to when travelling from another country into the UK.

Entry requirements and Covid-19 vaccines

You no longer need to self-isolate if you're travelling to Scotland and you've been fully vaccinated with an approved Covid-19 vaccination. Before travelling, you will need to:

- Make sure that you're able to prove you're fully vaccinated. Approved Covid-19 vaccines and countries and territories with approved proof of vaccination

- Get a Covid-19 day 2 test. You can book your Covid-19 test either via the CTM booking portal (these tests are £68), or you can buy a day 2 PCR or lateral flow test from a list of private providers

- Complete a Passenger Locator Form

If you're not fully vaccinated, you will need to self-isolate at home for 10 days once you arrive into Scotland. You will also need to:

- take a COVID-19 test before you arrive in Scotland

- complete a Passenger Locator Form

- book COVID-19 day 2 and day 8 PCR tests – you can buy these tests from a list of private providers

Please note that if you are travelling to the University from overseas and have not had the vaccine in your home country yet, that there is no legal requirement for international arrivals into the UK to have had the Covid-19 vaccine, however, the safest way for events to happen in person is for those attending to be fully vaccinated, protecting themselves, the event and the community.

Booking your travel

We encourage you to plan your travel options well in advance of the date you will need to be in the UK.

You may find that travel options have lower capacity and that direct routes to the UK are either unavailable or less frequent.

We encourage you to plan your travel options well in advance and consider all available options including the countries you may travel through to reach the UK and the impact that may have on your arrival.

You may wish to consider flexible travel bookings that could accommodate potential delays in visa issuing and travel delays or cancellations.

Further guidance on travelling to Scotland can be found here.

COVID-19 Events Guidelines and Guest Guidelines

All organisers and delegates will be required to scan the QR code upon entry to the venue and register with Check In Scotland at each venue they visit.

All venues have strict capacity guidelines in place to allow for physical distancing. Delegates must adhere to this at all times. Delegates must also follow all directional signage while onsite.

It is the event organiser's responsibility to ensure all attendees adhere to the University of Edinburgh COVID-19 Events Guidelines and Guest Guidelines and to ensure this information is distributed to all attendees.

The event organiser is to ensure delegates are aware of the requirement to wear face coverings at all times; in all meeting rooms, public spaces and at catering station areas. Guests can lower face covering when eating & drinking only.

The organiser must also ensure the delegates are aware that they are required to review local guidelines before travelling and not to travel to venue if they or anyone in their household is suffering from symptoms of COVID-19.

All attendees are responsible for their own safety and for the safety of those around them. They are expected to follow all University of Edinburgh venue and Scottish Government guidelines for the duration of the event.

Testing

We recommend that you take two lateral flow tests in advance and ideally one within 24 hours prior to the attending the event.