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Information on international travel, which indicates the approach from 19 July, 2021 onwards, subject to the prevailing public health situation, is available on www.gov.ie. Information on the operation of the EU Digital COVID Certificate is also available on www.gov.ie.

You are advised to monitor the official advice and information provided by the authorities at your destination. In particular, you should inform yourself of any restrictions on arrival. Information about entry restrictions currently applied by other countries is available on our country-specific [travel advice pages](#). Additional restrictions may be imposed by the country of your destination, including during your visit. Despite the European Digital COVID Certificate, each country continues to be responsible for the definition of its own entry requirements and rules, which are not standardised at the EU level. If you are planning travel within the EU/EEA it is advised that you consult [Re-open EU](#) for country-specific requirements. Flight restrictions and route cancellations may continue to occur worldwide and there is no guarantee that air routes will operate as scheduled.

The purpose of the Department's Travel Advice is to provide information to the general public so that individuals can make informed decisions for themselves. There are risks associated with international travel in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and this is likely to remain the case for the foreseeable future. Citizens should be aware of the possible limitations to any consular assistance that could be provided.

If you require a RT-PCR test to travel, you should take into consideration that it may be difficult in some destinations to arrange the required RT-PCR test results for the journey to Ireland within the required 72 hour timeframe. You should be aware that if you contract COVID-19 when abroad, you may face delays in travelling to Ireland. Information on RT-PCR testing requirements for travel to Ireland is available on www.gov.ie.

In addition, countries may be added to the Category 2 list of countries ([‘Designated States’](#)) at short notice during your stay and as a result, you may be required to complete and pay for 14 days of mandatory hotel quarantine on return to Ireland.

It is also important to check with your travel insurance provider on coverage at this time.

For details on pre-departure COVID-19 testing, please see [Dublin Airport’s website](#) and [Cork Airport’s website](#) and [Shannon Airport’s website](#).

Any citizens who are considering travel abroad, or those already abroad, are advised to monitor our travel advice, and follow us on [Twitter](#). They are also advised to register with their local Irish Embassy or Consulate and regularly check their website and Twitter accounts for details of any local public health measures and travel restrictions.

Where to go for further travel information:

- [DFA Travel Advice for over 200 countries](#)
- [Follow us on Twitter](#)
- [Register with your local Irish Embassy or Consulate](#)
- Check [Embassy websites](#) and [Twitter accounts](#)

Please note that the Department’s TravelWise app has been temporarily suspended. We apologise for this inconvenience. Updated information will continue to be provided on this [website](#).

If you have queries **of an urgent nature** regarding travel to Ireland in the context of COVID-19, our Emergency Travel Advice Line number is **+353 (0)1 613 1700**. **Please note that passport queries cannot be answered by this line, please contact the passport service [via webchat](#).**

If you have an urgent query regarding an EU-DCC, please call the EU DCC helpline, which is open Monday – Friday, on 1800 807 008. Those outside Ireland can call +353 76888 5513.

Information on Travelling to Ireland

Up to date information on travelling to Ireland can be found on [www.gov.ie](#) and [Re-open EU](#).

If you have questions regarding mandatory hotel quarantine, please ring the Mandatory Hotel Quarantine Information Line on +353 (0) 1 613 1744.

If a citizen has a genuine humanitarian emergency requiring urgent travel, they should contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate immediately for advice and consular assistance before commencing their journey.