

UPDATE 19 November 2021

(The TIER updates are not as frequent now.)

For your information, please see below also an **update on Live Events Reinsurance Scheme**:

A useful meeting was held with the DCMS team on the Live Events Reinsurance Scheme at which further clarification on the Scheme's operation was sought. As a result an update to the Q&A is attached together with other information below:

- Here are some links related to the scheme which you are welcome to share with your members and put on your websites:
 - [BIBA's page with links to brokers](#):
 - BIBA (British Insurance Brokers Association) email contact (enquiries@biba.org.uk) and LIIBA (London & International Insurance Brokers Association) email contact (enquiries@liiba.co.uk) for anyone who doesn't have a broker and wants a quote.
 - Scheme Administrator's email (for queries related to the scheme) liveevent@marshcommercial.co.uk
 - [Scheme Rules](#) published on gov.uk
- Attached are the latest FAQs which are to be further updated and shared weekly. More questions and answers will be added that will help inform organisations and individuals looking to purchase cover. Note the last question on the FAQ which refers to who can purchase cover. This is far wider than currently perceived. For example individual exhibitors, venues and suppliers can take out cover under the Scheme.
- **We would be grateful if you could send through a list of questions you think should be included on this FAQ and which your members need answers to. Please also share this FAQ across your membership.**
- Events that have purchased policies to date range from an amateur theatre group with a budget of £3,000 to a trade show with a budget of £2M. Audience sizes also vary greatly from 500 to 1M plus. As more policies are written, we will have a clearer picture of who is accessing the scheme.
- DCMS is happy to join a call with your members to summarise the scheme and answer questions relating to it. **Please feel free to invite us along.**
- **Please encourage those members who are keen to get coverage through the scheme to contact their brokers and nudge their insurers to join the scheme if they haven't already done so.** To note that, as of today, Hiscox just joined the scheme as the 6th participating insurer. Announcement on Twitter [here](#)
- Arrangements are also being made for a member of the DCMS team to present at the next BVEP meeting on the 9th December

Please find below recent updates on international travel to the UK.

The UK Government has announced that from **4am Monday 22 November** proof of vaccination will be recognised from 15 more countries and territories for [travel to England](#), [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Wales](#). These countries are Belarus, Bolivia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, the Faroe Islands, Laos, Libya, Malawi, Mozambique, Samoa, Senegal, Vanuatu, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The [Northern Ireland Executive](#) has expanded the list above to also include British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Guernsey, Isle of

Man, Jersey, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the Island of Cyprus, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Welsh Government also announced that arrivals from the USA, will no longer require to show residency as part of the certification requirements. Instead, Wales will also recognise three specific US certificates to be used as well as the Centre of Disease Control (CDC) card as a way of validating vaccination certification for inbound travel.

Wales further announced they will align with the rest of the UK in simplifying rules for under-18 years olds travelling to Wales. You can read more regarding these [announcements from the Welsh Government here](#).

Boosters to be added to NHS COVID Pass for travel in England and Wales

The UK Government has announced that from today, [boosters and third doses will appear on the COVID Pass in England](#), making it easy for people to show their vaccine status when travelling abroad. The additional doses will show up automatically in the digital COVID Pass and will be visible from midday on Friday for users in England. It will not immediately be available via the COVID Pass letter service. This will be updated in due course.

Booster and third doses will not be added to the domestic COVID Pass as it is not a current requirement for individuals to receive booster doses to qualify as fully vaccinated. It will also not be necessary to show evidence of a booster for travel into England at this time. The addition will enable those who have had their booster or third dose to travel to countries including Israel, Croatia and Austria who have already introduced a time limit for the COVID-19 vaccine to be valid for quarantine-free travel.

The booster vaccine will appear on the COVID Pass in Wales from 29 November.

Changes to self-isolation rules if fully vaccinated outside of the UK

The UK Government has also announced that from 1 December anyone who's been fully vaccinated outside the UK with a recognised vaccine will be subject to the same rules as those who are fully vaccinated under the UK vaccination programme. This means you will no longer have to self-isolate if you are identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive while you're in England.

Please note, at the time of writing this applies to England only. Whilst there is no official source on Gov.uk, we have had confirmation from the Department for Transport to share with TIER members. We will keep you updated re: Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Background information:

- The legislation and guidance will be updated shortly to reflect changes to self-isolating rules for those who have been fully vaccinated outside the UK.
- Fully vaccinated means someone who is vaccinated with a full course of a vaccine listed on the [WHO EUL list](#) and has an approved vaccine certificate as set out on [GOV UK](#).
- If a passenger is contacted by NHS Test and Trace because they have been in contact with someone who tested positive, they will no longer need to self-isolate if fully vaccinated as set out above. Instead they will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

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- **Change In Guidance For Overseas Visitors**

There has been an ongoing issue with the guidance for Test and Trace being different for overseas visitors to England than for UK residents – UK residents who are fully vaccinated are exempt from self-isolating if contacted through Test and Trace while overseas visitors who are fully vaccinated have to self-isolate for 10 days. I've taken this up with DCMS and DfT and the Health Secretary has just announced that

“from 1 December, anyone who's been fully vaccinated outside the UK with a recognised vaccine will be subject to the same rules as those who are fully vaccinated under the UK vaccination programme. This means you will no longer have to self-isolate if you are identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive while you're in England”

Legislation and guidance will be updated shortly to reflect changes to self-isolating rules.

- **New Countries Added To Vaccination List**

The government has announced that, from 22nd November, the following countries will be added to the list of countries with approved proof of vaccination, which allows entry into England for fully vaccinated people:

- Belarus
- Bolivia
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Faroe Islands
- Laos
- Libya
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Samoa
- Senegal
- Vanuatu
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countries-with-approved-covid-19-vaccination-programmes-and-proof-of-vaccination>

- **Other Red List Review Outcomes**

In addition to these new countries being added to the approved vaccination list,

- From 4am on Monday 22 November, the government will also be simplifying travel rules for all under-18s coming to England from a non-red list country or territory, who will be treated as fully vaccinated at the border, regardless of their individual vaccination status. This means they will be exempt from self-isolation requirements on arrival and will only be required to take a lateral flow test post-arrival, with a free confirmatory PCR test if they test positive.
- From 4am on Monday 22 November, the government will remove the requirement for people to provide proof of US residency when proving their fully vaccinated status with a US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) card. They will accept the US CDC card or one of the below US state-issued certification solutions as proof of full vaccination:
 - California Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record
 - New York State Excelsior Pass Plus
 - Washington State WA Verify

The Government will consider additional US state-led certification solutions in the future.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/international-travel-update-19-november-2021>

- **Unclear Test Results**

The Government has also updated the guidance for overseas visitors undertaking Lateral Flow and PCR tests on Day 2 of entering England. If the results of these tests are unclear, the person must self-isolate for 10 full days. However, they can choose to take another private test and if the result is negative, they can then stop self-isolating.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

- **Covid Pass**

DHSC has updated the Guidance on the Covid Pass to say that, from today, you will be able to see the details of your COVID-19 booster vaccination in your NHS COVID Pass.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass>

- **Kickstart Closure Dates**

The guidance for the Kickstart scheme has been updated to include a number of important closure dates that businesses involved in the scheme should be aware of. These include:

- signing and returning the grant agreement by 11:59pm on 7 January 2022
- submitting or sending your vacancies to DWP by 11:59pm on 31 January 2022
- starting the young person in the job on or before 31 March 2022

To help DWP process the funding, businesses need to tell them as soon as possible or by 11:59pm on 30 April 2022 that the young person has started their job.

And finally, the deadline for re applying if you were unsuccessful is midday on 17 December 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/kickstart-scheme-closure>

- **R Number And Growth Rate**

This week's R Number and Growth Rate are, respectively, 0.8 to 1.0 and -2% to 0%. These are the lowest figures since 24th September

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-r-value-and-growth-rate>