

## TIER UPDATE 7 June 2021

### Updated guidance for Wales

Following the announcement on Friday that Wales would move to Alert level 1 from today, 7 June, the following guidance has been updated:

- [Business closures – restrictions from 7 June](#)
- [Guidance for tourism and hospitality businesses](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

### Amendment to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2021

The [health protection regulations in Wales have been amended](#) with changes coming into force from 04:00 on 8 June 2021, meaning that in line with England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, Portugal will move from the green list to the amber list and Afghanistan, Bahrain, Costa Rica, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Trinidad and Tobago will move from the amber to the red list.

### Other updates

- A [travel industry day of action is planned for Wednesday 23 June 2021](#)
- The list of [private providers of COVID-19 tests](#) has been updated again.
- [The Restart Grant scheme](#) which supports businesses in the non-essential retail, hospitality, leisure, personal care and accommodation sectors with a one-off grant to reopen safely as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, will close for applications on 30 June.

## TOURISM ALLIANCE UPDATE 07/06

- **New Entry Restrictions for France**

The travel advice for France has been updated to take into account of new testing requirements that the French Government are introducing on 9<sup>th</sup> June for people travelling from the UK. From this date, people will be able to take a PCR test within 72 hours of departure, or an antigen test within 48 hours of departure. There will be random antigen testing for unvaccinated arrivals.

Those that are fully vaccinated will need to have proof of a negative PCR test within 72 hours of departure, or an antigen test within 48 hours of departure. However, they will not need to justify an essential reason for travel or to self-isolate on arrival. The French Government recognises the following vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna, Oxford/AstraZeneca, and Johnson & Johnson (the vaccines recognised by the European Medical Agency).

“Fully vaccinated” is defined by the completion of a vaccination schedule, specifically:

- 2 weeks after the second dose of Pfizer, Moderna, Oxford/AstraZeneca
- 4 weeks after the single and only dose of Johnson & Johnson
- 2 weeks after the single dose of any of the above vaccines if you have previously tested positive for COVID-19

Children under the age of 18 years old, who are travelling with fully vaccinated adults, will be exempt from requirements to self-isolate and provide an essential reason for travel, regardless of whether the minor has been vaccinated or not.

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>

- **Travel Industry Day of Action**

Trade bodies from across the aviation and travel industries are coming together for a travel industry day of action (#traveldayofaction) on 23 June to put pressure on the UK Government to support a safe return to international travel in time for the peak summer period.

The day of action will be calling on the UK Government to:

- Allow international travel to return safely and in a risk managed way by properly implementing the Global Travel Taskforce's plan.
- Bring forward a package of tailored financial support to recognise that the unlocking of international travel, and hence businesses' ability to trade and generate income, will be much slower than first anticipated, and more gradual than for businesses in the domestic economy.

<https://www.abta.com/news/travel-industry-day-action-planned-wednesday-23-june-2021>

- **West End Footfall**

Here's a copy of the latest footfall report from the New West End Company with the data for last week (week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> May) which highlights the impact the having few international visitors and a cautious domestic market is having on the London retail industry.

The key points are:

- Footfall was **up 11%** week-on-week and **up 423%** year-on-year which is good
- However it was **down 44%** compared with 2019
- And YTD footfall was **down 73%** compared with the same period in 2019

	Week-on-week	Year-on-year	Versus 2019	Year-to-date
New West End	11%	423%	-44%	-73%
Bond Street	1%	374%	-50%	-72%
Regent Street	14%	534%	-41%	-74%
Oxford Street	13%	412%	-46%	-75%
Oxford St East	12%	607%	-40%	-75%
Oxford St West	15%	274%	-53%	-75%
Oxford Circus	12%	540%	-45%	-76%
Heddon Street	30%	437%	-35%	-49%
Lancashire Court	9%	1233%	-29%	-72%
Savile Row	-8%	333%	-58%	-72%
Mayfair	-7%	218%	-34%	-63%
Duke Street	-22%	184%	-50%	-63%
South Molton Street	4%	382%	-39%	-68%
Mount Street	-19%	307%	-27%	-49%
North Audley Street	7%	136%	-3%	-65%

- **Debates In Parliament**

There are a number of tourism related debates in parliament this week to be aware of

- **8<sup>th</sup> June - 11:00am until 11:30am**
  - Social distancing restrictions and support for the night-time economy

Westminster Hall Debate supported by Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP (Brighton Kemptown)

- **8<sup>th</sup> June – after 12noon**
    - Role destination management organisations can have supporting the recovery of the visitor economy from the impact of COVID-19
  - **10<sup>th</sup> June – after 9:30am**
    - Support for the Aviation, Travel and Tourism Industries
- Lords Oral Questions supported by Lord Ravensdale
- General Debate in the Commons

#### **TIC UPDATE – 07.06.2021**

##### **Recent Government announcements:**

- [UK secures new deal with Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein](#)
- [Portugal moved to amber list to guard public health against variants of concern following first traffic light review](#)

##### **EU Settlement Scheme - deadline 30th June**

The deadline for applications to be made to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) is 30th June. All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members who were resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, should apply without delay at [www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](http://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme) so that they can continue to work, study, and access free healthcare and benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021.

##### **DEFRA Case Study Request - deadline 10th June**

DEFRA is looking for a selection of case studies (a maximum of one page of A4) that can be used to showcase projects that are having a positive impact on the environment for the 3<sup>rd</sup> [25 Year Environment Plan](#) (YEP) annual progress report, due for publication in July. Please see more information on what they are looking for below. Please send submissions to [harriet.hoffler@dcms.gov.uk](mailto:harriet.hoffler@dcms.gov.uk). The goals of the YEP are:

- Clean air
- Clean and plentiful water
- Thriving plants and wildlife
- Reducing the risks of harm from environmental hazards
- Using resources from nature more sustainably and efficiently
- Enhancing beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment
- Mitigating and adapting to climate change
- Minimising waste
- Managing exposure to chemicals
- Enhancing biosecurity

##### *What type of case studies are of interest?*

Examples of projects that have had a tangible positive impact on the environment, particularly if this can be quantified, and demonstrates the potential or realised contribution a project has made towards achieving any of the goals or cross-cutting themes of the 25 YEP and over what timeframes.

##### *How best should case studies be presented?*

The case study should be written as narrative text, telling an impactful story that captures the following:

- The title of the project, name of the organisations leading/supporting delivery of the project, and any funding agreed and publicly known.

- How the project is helping to address an environmental problem for at least one of the goals or cross-cutting areas of the plan.
- The long-term ambitions for the project and how it aims to help address the problem, with time bound long-term targets, where known.
- The progress that has been made on the project to date, in particular since April 2020, including any key lessons learnt from the process.
- Realised positive impacts of the project on the environment from the progress made to date, where known.
- Future plans for the project, with a specific focus on priorities for delivery over the next year (until March 2022).
- Potential positive impacts of the project on the environment, and over what timeframes.
- Contact details for any follow-up questions on the case study.
- A couple of eye-catching images, or illustrations to complement the narrative text.

*What is the maximum page length for a case study?*

A maximum of one page of A4, Arial (Body) Font size 12 narrative text (excluding any images, illustrations)

*Can more than one case study be submitted?*

Yes, you can submit as many case studies as you like, although bearing in mind that we will be looking for representative projects across all 25 YEP goals and cross-cutting themes.

*What happens after a case study is submitted?*

We will review the case study, and get in touch with case study authors should there be any questions, or suggestions to help sharpen up the narrative.

We will let you know whether your case study will be included in the final report. We really appreciate you submitting case studies for our consideration.

*Will all case studies be published in the progress report?*

As many case studies as possible will be incorporated into the report. We will include a set of case studies that best represent progress towards achieving the goals, taking into account the page length for the final report. Whether or not case studies are published, they will be kept on file for potential use in future publications.