

COVID-19 Summer Centre Measures

Bucksmore Education will follow all UK government advice with regard to COVID-19 in its operation of summer courses in England. The current UK roadmap has June 21st as the day when all restrictions will be lifted. This is subject to change at very short notice and Bucksmore will respond accordingly to ensure we are following all relevant legislation and guidance.

Our current understanding of guidance and plans for international travel and how they will impact a summer course are set out below.



PRE-ARRIVAL - GOVERNMENT TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

The UK Government is due to launch a “traffic light” system for people coming to the England from abroad, due to be implemented on 17th May 2021. All countries will be categorised as Green, Amber or Red. Here’s what that means for arriving to the UK.

GREEN

Arrivals will need to take a pre-departure test as well as a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test on or before day 2 of their arrival into England - but will not need to quarantine (unless they receive a positive result).

What does this mean for me?

Students from “Green” countries are able to enrol on our summer courses. Parents/Agents/Guardians must book the required PCR test to be taken at the centre.

Amber

Arrivals will need to quarantine for a period of 10 days and take a pre-departure test, as well as a PCR test on day 2 and day 8 with the option for Test to Release on day 5 to end self-isolation early.

What does this mean for me?

Students from “Amber” Countries can book onto the second session of one of our Oxford-based courses but must book onto our quarantine programme first, and book the Test to Release Package. Students can leave quarantine after a negative result is returned from a PCR test taken on Day 5 of quarantine. Once this result is returned students can then join the second session of their chosen course. The Day 8 PCR test will then be taken at the new centre.

Bucksmore will provide a quarantine location from 14th to 20th July, allowing students to enter their chosen course on 20th July after a negative Test to Release.

[More details](#)

Red

Only UK nationals and those with residency rights will be allowed to travel to England. Arrivals will be subject to restrictions currently in place for ‘red list’ countries which include a 10-day stay in a managed quarantine hotel, pre-departure testing and PCR testing on day 2 and 8.

What does this mean for me?

Unfortunately, we are not able to accept any students directly onto a Bucksmore programme who have been in, or travelled through, a country on the Red List, 10 days prior to arriving in the UK.

A student may choose to arrange their own hotel quarantine, and then join Bucksmore. However, we cannot assist with this, and we must receive proof that the student has completed the correct quarantine procedure before moving to the centre.

Regardless of country of travel all travellers will need to fill in passenger locator form within 48 hours of their travel to England and have a pre-departure test.

Parents/Agents/Guardians are responsible for booking the correct PCR test/s for the student. Bucksmore staff onsite will supervise testing but students are expected to administer the test themselves. Bucksmore staff will post the completed PCR tests on behalf of students. Parents/agents/guardians must inform Bucksmore Education if a positive result is returned.



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO WHEN TRAVELLING TO ENGLAND?

Requirement	Green	Amber
Passenger Locator Form	YES	YES
Pre-Departure Test	YES	YES
Self-isolation	NO	YES - 10 days
Test to Release	N/A	YES Test on Day 5 to end self-isolation when negative result is returned
PCR Testing	YES On or before Day 2	YES On or before Day 2
Further PCR Testing	NO	YES Further test on Day 8, even if choosing Test to Release

Regardless of UK Government guidance or legislation there are some measures that will be in place for this summer with COVID-19 in mind:

-  All students will need to take a rapid lateral flow test as soon as they arrive at the centre.
-  All students will be accommodated in single room accommodation.
-  Unused rooms, with exclusive bathrooms, will be available at every centre to be used as quarantine rooms in case of a positive COVID-19 test.
-  Hand sanitiser will be available in every classroom, and and Bucksmore staff will encourage regular hand washing
-  Enhanced cleaning regimes will be in place.
-  Excursions will be to outdoor locations and are likely to be walking tours.

Each centre has been welcoming their own students for the past year, and have very secure Covid measures in place. We will be working closely with all of them to ensure best practice based on their experience of working with their own students.

The current plan is for all restrictions on social contact to come to an end on June 21st. Should this date change or if deemed appropriate other measures that may be in place at our centres this summer include:

-  Students being placed in class bubbles during their stay, only being able to mix with those within their bubble.
-  Wearing of face masks when not seated in a classroom or eating.
-  Minimising close contact sports and activities.
-  Short notice cancellation of excursions. If this is necessary onsite activities will be provided in place of the excursion.
-  Restricted use of shared social spaces
-  One'way systems implemented throughout the centre

What happens if I test positive for COVID-19 at the centre?

Students will be tested on arrival at a Bucksmore centre using a rapid lateral flow test, and will also have mandated tests on day 2, and, in the case of the quarantine course Day 8 (and the Test to Release on Day 5). Should a positive test be confirmed we will follow all government guidance and will provide:

- Dedicated quarantine bedroom for student/s
- All meals delivered to the bedroom
- Access to an outside area for daily exercise
- Regular welfare check-in from staff to make sure all is ok.

What happens if I test positive and have to isolate beyond my intended end date?

Should you have to stay with us beyond your planned end date due to having to quarantine due to COVID on guidance from the NHS, we will continue to provide full-board accommodation during this time. Any additional costs for this will be covered by the insurance policy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

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INSURANCE

The Bucksmore Insurance policy, on which all students are enrolled at the time of booking, excludes cancellation or curtailment of a course due to COVID-19. If a student is unable to travel to the UK for a course, or has to end their course early due to COVID-19, the policy will not cover any expenses or monies lost. If the student is prevented from travelling due to COVID-19 the course fees are protected in line with our COVID-19 Cancellation Policy.

Whilst students are in the UK any medical treatment or hospitalisation due to COVID is covered by the policy, as well as any expenses occurring from having to extend a stay due to an imposed period of quarantine.

All other elements of the insurance remain in force, and a summary of what is covered is available upon request.