

Media Release

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Travel with effect from 1 July 2021

From tomorrow travellers who have received 2 doses of an MHRA approved vaccine (with the second dose received 14 days prior to travel) who have not travelled outside the Common Travel Area will be able to enter the Bailiwick with no self-isolation or testing requirements (Blue Channel travellers). Full details on travel requirements with effect from 1 July 2021 can be found here: Travel with effect from 1 July 2021 | States of Guernsey - COVID-19 (gov.gg)

Blue Channel travellers will need to provide details of their COVID-19 Status (date, batch details and type of vaccine). Full details of the COVID-19 Status Certification (vaccine passports) can be found here: COVID-19 (gov.gg) (gov.gg)

To accommodate this change, updates to the Travel Tracker system will 'go live' early on Thursday morning. Whilst travellers can complete their journey details in the Traveller Tracker 2 days before arrival in the Bailiwick, we are asking travellers who qualify for the 'blue channel' to complete the Travel Tracker on their day of travel (1 July 2021).

Bailiwick residents will be asked to provide their Social Security (GY) reference number and date of birth to authenticate their account and retrieve their vaccination details from the vaccination system. Individuals will need to enter their 13-digit Unique Reference Number on their COVID-19 Status Certificate in order to upload their vaccination information.

Your Social Security (GY) reference number can be found on any correspondence from Revenue Services, your payslip, your permanent residence certificate or an old health benefit card or social security card.

Non-Bailiwick residents will need to manually upload their vaccine information (type, date of dose 1 and 2 and batch number. They will also need to upload a copy of official proof of their vaccination status (scan, photo or PDF) in order for the Travel Tracker to authenticate them as a 'Blue Channel' traveller. Information on accepted proof of vaccination in the

Common Travel Area can be found here: <u>COVID Status Certificates (Vaccine Passports) |</u>
<u>States of Guernsey - COVID-19 (gov.gg)</u>

If you are a Bailiwick resident (anyone with a GY postcode) and you cannot find your Social Security (GY) reference number prior to travel, you can use the Travel Tracker as a non-resident and upload your vaccine information manually. However, this will take you much longer than using the GY number/date of birth authentication. This facility will only be available temporarily whilst the changes are made to border controls. Once fully embedded, Bailiwick residents will only be able to use the GY number/date of birth authentication process.

If 'Blue Channel' passengers have already registered their journey ahead of 1 July 2021 they will automatically be charged for COVID-19 tests by the system. In such cases, travellers can register a new journey on 1 July 2021 and contact travel.tracker@gov.gg on their arrival in the Bailiwick to arrange a refund.

Traveller numbers with effect from 1 July are high and you are, therefore, strongly advised the complete the Travel Tracker AHEAD of your journey to the Bailiwick to reduce waiting times on arrival.

Travellers are also reminded that children aged 12 to 17 years inclusive are required to register their own personal Travel Tracker Account with effect from 1 July 2021. This is to ensure that they receive the necessary COVID-19 test on arrival and are scheduled for a test on day7 and/or day 13.

The Travel Tracker can be accessed here: <u>Travel Tracker | States of Guernsey - COVID-19</u> (gov.gg)

Later today a step by step guide on how to update your vaccine details on the Travel Tracker will be published online.

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