

# BEIS BULLETIN

Targeted measures to prevent the spread of the new COVID-19 omicron variant take effect from today, Tuesday 30th November.

## FACE COVERINGS

to be compulsory  
on public transport  
and in shops



### Face coverings

Face coverings are now compulsory in shops and retail settings, including:

- shops and supermarkets
- shopping centres (malls and indoor markets)
- premises providing personal care and beauty treatments (barbers, hair salons, tattoo and piercing studios, nail salons and massage centres)
- post offices, banks, building societies, credit unions, short-term loan providers, savings clubs and money service businesses
- estate and letting agents
- pharmacies
- premises providing veterinary services
- retail galleries

- retail travel agents
- takeaways without space for consumption of food or drink on premises
- auction houses
- public transport (aeroplanes, trains, trams, buses, coaches and ferries), taxis and private hire vehicles
- transport hubs (airports, rail and tram stations and terminals, maritime ports and terminals, bus and coach stations and terminals)
- any car or small van during a professionally delivered driving lesson and practical driving test
- during all HGV lessons and tests, during all professional driving lessons and formal driving tests, and during any practical test for giving driving instruction

Updated safe working guidance will be published on GOV.UK shortly.

## ALL INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS

to take a day 2 PCR test and self-isolate until they receive a negative result



### Travel

The Government is also bringing in [measures to prevent new cases from abroad](#).

All travellers arriving in the country from 4am on Tuesday 30 November will be required to take a PCR test on day 2 and self-isolate until they have received a negative test result. These PCR tests can be purchased from private providers.

A number of countries have also been added to the [red list](#). UK residents arriving from these countries must isolate in a government-approved facility for 10 days. During their stay, they will be required to take a test on day 2 and day 8.

## ALL CONTACTS

of suspected Omicron cases must [self-isolate](#) for ten days, regardless of their vaccination status



### Isolation rules

Anyone who comes into contact with someone who tests positive with a suspected case of the omicron variant will have to self-isolate for ten days, even if fully vaccinated.

All contacts of suspected omicron cases must self-isolate, regardless of their age or vaccination status. They will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.



### Boosters

Vaccines remain the best way to protect people from serious COVID-19 infections, and COVID-19 booster vaccines were previously offered to everyone over the age of 40 to maintain protection through the winter months.

Following the emergence of the omicron variant, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has urgently reviewed vaccine response measures and now advises that all adults aged 18 or over should be offered a booster dose, in order of descending age groups, to increase their levels of protection.

People can [book their booster online](#).

### Useful links:

- [Latest BEIS news and announcements](#)
- [Covid-19 Autumn/Winter Plan](#)
- [Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure](#)
- [See all coronavirus guidance on GOV.UK](#)
- [Use the Brexit checker to get a personalised list of actions for you, your business and your family](#)
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