

# [COVID-19 testing for HGV drivers using the Port of Dover or Eurotunnel](#)

## **COVID-19 test requirements in different countries update, 18 January 2021**

Several countries have introduced COVID-19 testing requirements for hauliers. The rules are different in each country. Check the rules before you travel and take the necessary action.

You can get a free COVID-19 test at a [haulier advice site](#) offering testing if you're:

- an HGV driver or crew
- a van or other light goods vehicle (LGV) driver

## **Kent travel update: 6 January 2021, COVID testing**

More COVID-19 testing facilities open for HGV drivers and crew.

HGVs leaving England for France can only cross the Channel with evidence of an authorised negative COVID test, that has been conducted within the 72-hour period before their departure.

Drivers and crew of HGVs, and drivers of LGVs and vans can get a free COVID test at [many haulier advice sites](#).

We strongly advise drivers and crew to get a negative test before they travel to Kent or other Channel crossing points.

HGV drivers using Dover and Eurotunnel will get fast-tracked past queues if they get tested, and have a valid [Kent Access Permit](#), before arriving in Kent.

Testing is available at Manston Airport and Ashford Sevington in Kent, but there is a chance of severe delays.

To avoid delays, get tested at an advice site before you enter Kent.

COVID testing facilities are available at Manston Airport (Postcode CT12 5FF) for HGV drivers heading to Port of Dover.

Eurotunnel traffic must continue to go via the M20, where HGV drivers without a negative test result or a valid Kent Access Permit will be directed to:

COVID testing is not available at any medical facility in the Kent area. If you visit a medical facility you will be turned away.

You must not leave your vehicle to try and be tested at another site.

Once tested, it will take 40 minutes to get a result.

If your result is negative, you will be directed to your departure point.

If your result is positive, further information will be provided on site and support will be available.

We are doing everything we can as quickly as possible to help you continue on your journey. Thank you for your patience.

Drivers should check [@KentHighways](#) and [Highways England](#) for the latest traffic updates before travelling to Kent.

## **Kent Access Permits**

HGV drivers must have correct documentation, including [Kent Access Permits](#), before arriving in Kent to ensure they can cross the Channel.

## **HGVs carrying dangerous goods**

Drivers of HGVs carrying certain types of dangerous goods must get tested for COVID-19 before arriving in Kent.

The terms of use at Manston Airport and Ashford Sevington prohibit the following loads:

- explosives
- polymerizing substances
- infectious substances
- radioactive substances
- goods that are [high consequence](#) from a terrorism point of view

Drivers of HGVs carrying any of these goods will be refused access to these sites and must get tested for COVID-19 at alternative sites before arriving in Kent.

If you are not sure whether your load falls into one of these categories of dangerous goods, confirm with your company or consignor before departing from the depot.

[Testing is available at various information and advice sites across the UK.](#) Check whether the motorway service station or truck stop you plan to visit has any restrictions for certain dangerous goods before you travel.

Some companies are also providing private testing for their drivers. Check with your company if this is being offered.