

Switzerland, the Czech Republic and Jamaica to be removed from travel corridors list

- Switzerland, the Czech Republic and Jamaica removed from list of travel corridors for England following data showing a significant increase in confirmed cases
- Cuba added to list of travel corridors for England having been assessed by the Joint Biosecurity Centre as posing a lower infection risk
- travellers urged to check the latest advice from the FC0 before travelling and all travellers, including those from exempted destinations, will be required to fill in a passenger locator form before returning home

People arriving into England from Switzerland, the Czech Republic and Jamaica from 4am Saturday 29 August will need to [self-isolate for 2 weeks](#) as the countries are removed from the travel exemptions list.

Data from the Joint Biosecurity Centre and Public Health England has indicated a significant change in both the level and pace of confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in these countries, leading to ministers removing them from the current [list of travel corridors](#).

There has been a consistent increase in the weekly incidence (case) rate of COVID-19 in Switzerland over the past 4 weeks, with a 19% increase in weekly incidence (cases) per 100,000 between the 20 and 27 August 2020, from 18.5 on the 20 August to 22.0 on the 27 August.

Data shows that there has been a consistent increase in newly reported cases in the Czech Republic over the past 3 weeks, with a 25% increase from 1,723 between the 14 and 20 August 2020 to 2,153 between the 21 and 27 August. Data from Jamaica shows that the weekly incidence (cases) per 100,000 has increased from 4.3 on 20 August 2020 to 20.8 on 27 August. This equates to a 382% increase.

Cuba has been added to the government's travel corridor list following a decrease in confirmed cases of coronavirus. From 4am Saturday 29 August, passengers arriving to England from Cuba will no longer need to self-isolate so long as they haven't been in or transited through any other non-exempt countries in the 14 days preceding their arrival.

Infections from COVID-19 are on the rise across Europe. The government has made consistently clear it will take decisive action if necessary to contain the virus, which includes removing countries from the travel corridors list rapidly, if the public health risk of people returning from a particular country without self-isolating becomes too high. This means holidaymakers may find they need to [self isolate on return to the UK](#) and are advised to consider the implications of self-isolation on them and their families before

making travel plans.

People currently in [Switzerland](#), the [Czech Republic](#) and [Jamaica](#) are encouraged to follow the local rules and check the FCO travel advice pages for further information. The government is urging employers to be understanding of those returning from these destinations who now will need to self-isolate.

COVID-19 has profoundly changed the nature of international travel. Travellers should always check the [latest advice from the FCO](#), given the potential for changing coronavirus infection rates to affect both the advice about travelling to other countries and rules about self-isolation on return.

All travellers, including those from destinations on the travel corridors list, will still be required to show a completed [passenger locator form](#) on arrival into the UK unless they fall into a small group of exemptions.