

Industry CV-19 Update – 25 September 2020

- The Policy and Communications teams from Government provided an overview of the updates to the Safer Travel Policy (“STP”) announced yesterday, noting that the intention is to balance the risk of rising infections with being able to keep the borders open for the benefit of both visitors and residents.
- The STP has been re-set which is reflected in the thresholds for the Red, Amber and Green classifications and the controls attached to each classification. The Green threshold has been revised upwards up to 50 active cases per 100,000 population over the past 14 days, the Amber threshold is 51-120 per 100,000 and Red threshold remains unchanged at over 120 active cases per 100,000.
- These new classifications will apply when calculating the 14-day travel history.
- For arrivals from Green areas, there is a day 0 test and a day 5 test, with an aspiration to have self-isolation until the result of the day 0 test with results in 12 hours. This self-isolation period won’t apply immediately as on-island testing is still ramping up, but the intention is that the capacity would be up to 2000 tests a day by mid-October. The Steering Committee will be notified in advance of the self-isolation requirement being implemented.
- The requirements for arrivals from Amber and Red areas remains the same, with a day 0 test and day 5 test and self-isolation required until the results of the day 5 test in the case of an Amber region and a test on arrival with a 14-day self-isolation requirement in the case of a Red region.
- Ministers wanted to do more in the policy to reflect the variation across regions, so in the case of arrivals from England, they have moved to lower tier local authority classification, meaning there are a larger number of green category regions within the UK, predominantly around the South East. A small number of departments in France have now been re-classified from Amber to Green, and that all regions in Germany and the majority of Italy were now Green, in addition to a good proportion of regions in Wales outside of Caerphilly and more parts of Scotland.
- A number of on-island pre-emptive measures are also coming into place over the next month or so, including a local app to support contact tracing.
- Towards the end of October there will be a Government campaign to strongly encourage mask wearing in covered areas such as shops and airports with a view to making it mandatory once the legislation is debated in November. The guidance will cover whether wearing masks will become mandatory inside hotels, bars and restaurants.
- Government will also be ramping up much broader testing and screening activity with proactive PCR testing for workforces who are considered to be at increased risk of infection or infecting others and the hospitality industry will be one of these workforce categories - there will be more Government communications around this.
- The STP re-set will go live next Tuesday 29 September at 00.01 with weekly revisions. On Thursday 1 October updated classifications will be notified to key stakeholders (including the Steering Committee) and these classifications will go live on Tuesday 6 October. Going forwards this will continue, with the upcoming updates being notified to key stakeholders on a Thursday which will then come into place on the following Tuesday.
- The number of people arriving at the airport without knowledge about the classifications had been at around 20% but was now going down significantly and the industry have been very helpful in communicating these requirements to visitors.
- **Unofficially** it is hoped that by the 2nd or 3rd week of October, the testing turnaround will be within 12 hours and the industry will be given advance notice of this.
- There will be an e-mail and text to advise people of the requirement to have a day 5 test and Government will need to ensure there is a clear map and instructions in these communications.
- The day 5 test will take place at either the drive-through facility or at the harbour testing facility although this hasn’t been announced yet. Government will advise Visit Jersey once the harbour testing facility is available for day 5 testing.
- In terms of the logistics of getting people from the arrivals to their hotel/residence where they will isolate until they receive their test results, they can still use public transport to go straight to this location.
- There is now enforcement capacity to enforce day 5 testing in addition to the contact tracing team contacting people about this requirement.
- If someone has a PCR test within 72 hours before arriving in Jersey it replaces the day 0 test, but they would have a day 5 test if they are still on the island at this time.
- Feedback from the industry is that there is a huge amount on information on the Government website and perhaps the Safer Travel Policy section could be revisited to display the key information in a more clear and accessible way. Government will look into this.

Attendees

Organisation/sector	
Government of Jersey	Andrew Heaven Alex Mallinson
Accommodation	Ollie Appleyard Andrew Shrimpton Patrick Burke
JAG (Activities)	Paul Talbot
Jersey Business	Graeme Smith
Tour Operator	Robert Mackenzie
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