

COVID-19 – Coronavirus

Arriving in the Bailiwick of Guernsey

Welcome to the Bailiwick of Guernsey. Due to the ongoing pandemic of COVID-19, please ensure you and those travelling with you read and follow this guidance. By doing so you will help to protect our community and to keep the Bailiwick of Guernsey a safe destination. Thank you for your cooperation.



States of Guernsey
Public Health Services

gov.gg/coronavirus

This guidance is for people who are undertaking self-isolation on arrival in Guernsey. Please read this guidance carefully.



What to expect when arriving in Guernsey?

You will have been given a mask at the airport / harbour when you left the UK. Please ensure you do not remove it until you have reached your final destination, where you are self-isolating.

Please wash or sanitize your hands frequently, especially after coughing, sneezing, going to the toilet, before eating or if in high traffic environments, such as airports and harbours.

Maintain good respiratory hygiene – Cover your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing and use the nearest waste receptacle to dispose of it after use, followed by hand washing or use alcohol gel.

Ensure you respect others individual space and aim to keep at least 1 metre distance from those not travelling with you.

The Guernsey Border Agency will provide you with a form, where you will be requested to share some personal details, including your address whilst in self-isolation. This information will be used to contact you, if required, during your self-isolation period, and do spot check visits to monitor compliance. You will also be provided with a self-isolation notice, stating that you are legally required to comply with the self-isolation guidance.

Failure to comply is a criminal offence which carries a maximum fine of £10,000.



How will I get to my final destination, where I will be self-isolating?

Please ensure that you have transport organised to take you to your accommodation. This can be done by:



Hire Car

Please book it prior to your arrival and follow the company's instructions



Taxi

Please book in advance, to ensure you don't queue, as there are a limited number of taxis, especially doing the harbour run. Please follow the drivers' instructions.



Friends/Family

You may ask a friend or relative to pick you up. If possible, this should be someone without any underlying health conditions, to reduce the risk of possibly infecting someone vulnerable. Please use the back seat only (unless both parties have agreed to self-isolate together) and travel with your mask on and windows open to ensure good air flow. You may require to organise more than 1 car if travelling in a group. Ask the driver to wipe down any surfaces you may touched such as the door handles afterwards.

We understand that you may have friends or relatives who wish to greet you on your arrival. However, as you are in self isolation, please ask them to do this from a distance, either waving to you from the airport viewing gallery or by the viewing platform or side of the harbour. There should be no physical contact, such as handshakes, hugs or kisses.

No stops should be made until you reach your final destination, nor lifts given to others. This means that you cannot stop to go shopping or go to a restaurant.



What happens whilst I'm in self-isolation?

Please ensure you have no friends or relatives coming to visit you whilst you are in self-isolation. This includes your home and garden.

Whilst you are in self-isolation, a friend or relative may need to do your shopping or provide your meals (especially if you are in shared accommodation). Alternatively, there are shops that are offering a delivery service. They should leave your shopping and or meals on the door step for you to collect.

Full self-isolation guidance can be accessed at covid19.gov.gg/support/protect.



What happens if I develop symptoms whilst in self-isolation?

Should you develop any of the following symptoms – however mild they may seem – Please phone the coronavirus helpline on 01481 756938 or 01481 756969 immediately.

Fever, chills, muscle ache, fatigue, cough, headache, sinus pain or pain around the eyes, loss of smell or taste or shortness of breath

Please keep a record of everyone you have been in contact with to help speed up contact tracing, should this be required.

For further information, please refer to gov.gg/coronavirus or email publichealth@gov.gg