



## Revised Guidance for International Recreational Maritime Arrivals

### Introduction

1. The Home Secretary announced on 25<sup>th</sup> May plans to implement new health control measures at our borders; including contact tracing and mandatory 14 self-isolation for all international arrivals to the UK. These measures are now in effect and apply to all international recreational maritime arrivals.
2. These measures will be subject to review every three weeks to ensure they are in line with the latest scientific evidence and remain effective and necessary.

### Passenger Locator Form

3. All international recreational maritime travellers arriving in England from outside the common travel area must have completed the Passenger Locator Form on their arrival. The form can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>. The form will collect information such as contact details, travel plans and address while in the UK, applicable details for their inbound travel and passport number, so that if individuals come into contact with someone who has COVID-19 whilst travelling they can be quickly identified. Upon completing the form, individuals will be sent an electronic receipt, confirming that they have completed the declaration, and the specific details entered.
4. Border Force are working with individual ports to ensure, where present, the configuration of Border Control can allow those individuals who have failed to complete the Passenger Locator Form to do so at the border. Border Force will be carrying out spot checks at the border, where practical, and those who do not comply may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100 for their first offence, with escalating penalties for subsequent offences. In addition, if the individual is neither a British citizen nor a non-British citizen resident in the UK a Border Force officer may decide, in extreme cases, that the individual should be refused entry on the basis that they are not conducive to the public good.
5. Harbour masters are requested to continue working with local Border Force commands to ensure international recreational maritime travellers comply with this requirement.

## 14-day self-isolation

6. From 8 June, those international recreational maritime arrivals entering the UK will need to self-isolate in their accommodation for fourteen days on arrival into the UK. This self-isolation can be completed within their vessel if arrivals choose to do so.
7. These rules are for UK residents and visitors. People will not need to self-isolate for 14 days if they're travelling to the UK from within the Common Travel Area, that is:
  - The UK, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
8. However, if you arrive in the UK and have been outside the Common Travel Area within the last 14 days, then you will need to self-isolate for the remainder of the 14 day period, starting from when you arrived in the Common Travel Area.
9. In England, people can only leave their accommodation in limited circumstances. These include where:
  - they need urgent medical assistance (or where their doctor has advised you to get medical assistance)
  - they need access to basic necessities like food and medicines, but only in exceptional circumstances such as where they cannot arrange for these to be delivered
  - they need to access critical public services such as social services and victim support services, but only in exceptional circumstances
  - they need to go to the [funeral](#) of a close relative
  - they need to fulfil a legal obligation such as participate in legal proceedings
  - there's an emergency
10. People are not allowed to change the place where they are self-isolating except in very limited circumstances, including where:
  - a legal obligation requires them to change address, such as where they are a child whose parents live separately, and they need to move between homes as part of a shared custody agreement
  - it is necessary for them to stay overnight at accommodation before travelling to the place where they will be self-isolating for the remainder of the 14 days
  - there's an emergency
11. They should not have visitors, including friends and family, unless they are providing essential care. The only friends and family who they can have contact with are those who they travelled with or people who they are staying with.
12. Where those arriving are unable to demonstrate where they would self-isolate, they may be required to do so in accommodation arranged by the Government.
13. Those arriving into the UK for a shorter period than 14-days are required to self-isolate for the full time they are in the UK, and only leaving their accommodation to return to a port to depart the UK (by air, sea or rail) or as outlined above.

14. The self-isolation regulations will largely apply after a person has passed the border. Where Border Force have a fixed presence, they will remind individuals at the border of the requirement to self-isolate and Public Health England are arranging an assurance service and public health line that will call a random sample of UK arrivals to make sure they have the advice they need and check they are self-isolating.
15. Harbour masters are requested to continue working with local Border Force commands to ensure international recreational maritime travellers are aware of their obligations under this requirement.

### Clarification on UK recreational sailors

16. For recreational maritime travellers departing from UK marinas, if they do not interact with any other international vessels or persons after departure, nor leave UK territorial waters, then there is no need to complete the contact locator form, nor any requirement to self-isolate upon their return to a UK marina. **However, they would be expected to comply with all other government legislation on restrictions and health protection as part of the national lockdown measures in place at that time.**
17. Finally, we want to ensure this guidance is as useful as possible for all our stakeholders, so would welcome any feedback and questions you may have. Please contact our team at: [Maritimeengagement@dft.gov.uk](mailto:Maritimeengagement@dft.gov.uk)