

COVID-19 Notice

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TRAVEL AND QUARANTINE ARRANGEMENTS



Staff are advised to carefully consider their travel and holiday arrangements in light of the continuing threat of Covid-19.

If you are travelling overseas you must self isolate for a period of 14 days if you return to Northern Ireland from a country outside the Common Travel Area (CTA). The list of countries exempt from quarantine arrangements is continually being reviewed. It is important to be mindful that self-isolation requirements could be introduced at any time for public health reasons meaning that a country could lose its exemption whilst you on holiday. Up to date travel guidance for Northern Ireland is available here:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-advice>

Accordingly, overseas travel should **not** be booked before agreeing the duration of leave required with your manager to ensure you can comply with the self-isolation measures on your return. **Given that the list of countries can change rapidly, it is vital that staff contact their manager to discuss the situation as soon as they are aware that self –isolation will apply on their return home from holiday.** Staff **must** advise their manager of the destination of their trip and comply with all self-isolation requirements on their return to ensure others are not placed at risk.

Further detail around this issue is included in the FAQs for Healthcare staff on PHA website (link). All staff have a responsibility to keep up to date with this guidance:

[FAQs](#)