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The UK Transport Secretary confirmed today (see UK government press release here), that the remaining arrival testing requirements for fully vaccinated travellers to England will be removed from 04:00 on Friday 11 February. This means customers that are recognised as fully vaccinated, arriving after this date, will no longer need to do a Day 0-2 lateral flow test on arrival and will just need to complete a UK Passenger Locator Form.

This is alongside several other changes to requirements, including easing of measures for arriving customers who do not qualify as fully vaccinated, who will no longer need to self-isolate or take a Day 8 PCR from 11 February – just a Day 2 PCR.

The removal of all testing for vaccinated passengers is the final step in moving towards frictionless air travel, allowing passengers to reconnect with loved ones and business colleagues. It restores customer confidence and demand will be boosted in a critical booking window for the travel industry.

Along with our partners, we have demonstrated that international travel can operate safely, taking full advantage of our world leading vaccine rollout.

We will continue to keep you up to date with all the latest updates to schedule and travel restrictions.

Please check here regularly for updates to travel restrictions and here for specific flight status.

Please ensure the latest traveller contact information is available within the booking, so the latest instructions reach the traveller via SMS and email.

## **Flexibility Policy**

Our flexible booking policy gives customers the freedom to book with confidence, knowing they can make changes if they need to. For flights booked for departures up to 31 December 2022, they can change travel dates up to 31 December 2023.

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