

PJA ADVICE / HRI GOVERNMENT PROTOCOLS FOR RIDING IN IRELAND

As at Wednesday 21st July 2021

Anyone planning to ride in Ireland should familiarise themselves with these travel and quarantine requirements for both travel to Ireland and return to the United Kingdom.

It is also important that any PJA member seeking to ride in Ireland contacts Jennifer Pugh, IHRB Senior Medical Officer, at jennifer.pugh@ihrb.ie or on +353 87 278 8717.

SUMMARY OF TRAVEL GUIDELINES from 19th JULY 2021

For Group and Listed Races, the protocol remains as it was and any GB based jockeys can ride in these races without quarantine. Jockeys who have had both vaccinations and are 14 days clear of their second vaccination no longer have to take a PCR test before travelling but those who are not fully vaccinated must do so.

For non-Group and Listed races, fully vaccinated jockeys can travel for ANY race without a PCR test or quarantine.

Non-vaccinated jockeys are able to ride in non-Group and Listed races but will need to do a PCR test before arriving, quarantine for five days, then another PCR test to release.

All attendees to an Irish race meeting who have travelled outside of Ireland in the previous 14 days or who have travelled to Ireland in the last 14 days, will be required to submit proof of vaccination or recovery status – this can either be an EU Digital Covid Certificate or an NHS Covid Pass.

A digital version of your NHS Covid Pass can be obtained [on-line](#), via the NHS App, and a paper copy can be requested [at this link](#) or by calling 119. . and any pre-departure and Day 5 Covid-19 PCR test results before being permitted to attend. This needs to be sent in advance to Dr Jennifer Pugh at the details above.

When riding in Ireland, GB-based jockeys will be asked to use separate changing rooms from the Irish-based colleagues.

Returning to Britain

At the current time, jockeys returning to England, Scotland or Wales from Ireland do not need to:

- complete a passenger locator form
- take any COVID-19 tests
- quarantine on arrival in England
- complete any additional protocols from the BHA

The latest guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-abroad-from-england-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

UK and NON-EU Countries

Fully Vaccinated	No testing or quarantine required
Recovered from Covid-19 within last 6 months	No testing or quarantine required
Not fully vaccinated or not recovered from Covid-19 within last 6 months	Pre-departure Negative Covid-19 PCR test, Five days quarantine and a further Negative Covid-19 PCR test on Day 5

EU COUNTRIES

Fully Vaccinated	No testing or quarantine required
Recovered from Covid-19 within last 6 months	No testing or quarantine required
Not fully vaccinated or not recovered from Covid-19 within last 6 months	Pre-departure Negative Covid-19 PCR test, no quarantine, and no further testing

EMERGENCY BREAK COUNTRIES

Fully Vaccinated	Pre-departure Negative Covid-19 PCR test, Five days quarantine and a further Negative Covid-19 PCR test on Day 5
Recovered from Covid-19 within last 6 months	Pre-departure Negative Covid-19 PCR test, Five days quarantine and a further Negative Covid-19 PCR test on Day 5
Not fully vaccinated or not recovered from Covid-19 within last 6 months	Pre-departure Negative Covid-19 PCR test, and Mandatory Hotel Quarantine

Please note guidance is subject to change from the Irish Government.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b4020-travelling-to-ireland-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/3a698-eu-digital-covid-certificate/>