



Galway Mayo Institute of Technology

**POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR STUDENTS AND
STAFF DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to outline the GMIT policy on international travel for students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy will reflect the Irish Government regulations regarding international travel.

2 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All students and staff must comply with this policy and must also comply with Irish Government policy on international travel. Note that Irish Government advice may change at short notice, therefore, before travelling into or out of Ireland, the current international travel regulations should be consulted: gov.ie - [Government advice on international travel \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie) For the purpose of this policy, international travel is defined as travel outside the island of Ireland.

3 TRAVEL ABROAD

Staff and students are permitted to travel outside of Ireland. Please note:

- If you do decide to travel outside of Ireland, you must exercise a high degree of caution.
- Please consider that you may be required to quarantine upon arrival in the country to which you are travelling.
- The Irish Government publishes advice on travelling to specific countries from Ireland, and this advice can be found here: [Travel Advice - Department of Foreign Affairs \(dfa.ie\)](http://dfa.ie)
- At present, travel within the EU does not result in a requirement to quarantine upon return to Ireland.
- Travel outside the EU may require quarantining at home or in a designated hotel for a period of up to 14 days upon return (see Section 7 below), thus the necessity for any such travel should be very carefully considered, and you should consider the possible implications for your work or study if you have to quarantine for up to 14 days upon return to Ireland.
- Upon return to Ireland, if a mandatory hotel quarantine is required, this is at the staff/student's expense.

4 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Note that non-EU/EAA students must also comply with the Protocol for the Safe Arrival of International Students. Key requirements from these protocols have been agreed and are listed on our website. Please carefully read the information for international students on the pre-arrival section of our website: (<https://www.gmit.ie/international/pre-arrival-information>) **AND** comply with the rules for international travel listed below.

5 GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PASSENGERS ARRIVING INTO IRELAND:

All passengers arriving into Ireland from overseas are required to complete a [COVID-19 Passenger Locator Form](#).

What you have to do when to return into Ireland from abroad depends on criteria such as your vaccination status, having proof of recovery from COVID-19 and COVID-19 testing. Please consult the Government website carefully with regard to these criteria. The website is: gov.ie - [Government advice on international travel \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)

6 Passengers arriving into Ireland from inside the EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland.

Ireland is now a part of the [EU Digital COVID Certificate](#) for travel originating within the EU/EEA.

If you have valid proof of vaccination, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

If you have valid proof that you have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 180 days, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

If you do not have valid proof of vaccination or recovery, you will need to present evidence of a negative RT-PCR result from a test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival into the country. No further travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

7 Passengers arriving into Ireland from outside the EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland (this included those arriving from Great Britain)

7.1 If your journey originates in a country which is not a designated state:

If you have valid proof of vaccination, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

If you have valid proof of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 180 days, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

If you do not have valid proof of vaccination or recovery, you will need to:

Present evidence of a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival into the country AND [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days

If you receive a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken from day 5 onwards after arrival into Ireland, you will be able to leave quarantine. You can [book](#) this post-arrival RT-PCR test online before you arrive in Ireland. In most cases you should book this test for your sixth day in Ireland.

A copy of this result must be emailed into covidofficer@gmit.ie and permission may then be granted to attend College. This test can also be arranged via your student health provider.

Student Health providers:

Dublin Road Campus & CCAM Campus 091 742228 / studenthealthunit@gmit.ie

Mayo Campus (Dr Stephen Patten) 094 9021999.

Letterfrack Campus (Dr Alexander Michel) 095 43465.

If you do not have a GP, search by county/ town [here](#) or call the GP [out of hours](#) service.

7.2 If your journey originates in a country which is a designated state:

Travel to Ireland from specific designated states is now subject to mandatory hotel quarantine.

[See the full list of designated States](#)

If you have valid proof of vaccination, you will need to:

- present evidence of a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival
- undergo [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days

If you receive a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken from day 5 onwards after arrival into Ireland, you will be able to leave quarantine.

If you have valid proof that you have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 180 days, you will need to:

- present evidence of a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival
- undergo [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days

If you receive a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken from day 5 onwards after arrival into Ireland, you will be able to leave quarantine.

If you do not have valid proof of vaccination or recovery, you will need to:

- present evidence of a negative RT-PCR test result taken in previous 72 hours before arrival
- undergo [mandatory hotel quarantine](#) for 14 days

If you receive a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken from day 10 onwards after arrival into Ireland, you will be able to leave quarantine.

7 Travelling from the airport or port to your destination:

When travelling to your destination:

- Ask a relative or friend to collect you when you arrive in Ireland. Both you and the driver must wear masks and have the vehicle air circulation to 'outside air' (not recirculated). Such relatives or friends who do collect you will not need to subsequently restrict their movements.
- Avoid using public transport if possible; if you have to use public transport, you must wear a face mask.

EVERYONE SHOULD:

- Download and use the [Covid Tracker App](#)
- Be aware of the COVID-19 symptoms: If you have ANY of these symptoms you need to [self-isolate](#) and contact your GP to determine if you require a COVID test: **Fever** (Temperature greater than 38° Celsius); **Cough** - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry; **Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties**; **Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, feeling very tired (fatigue) or suffering from aches and pains, sore throat, headaches or runny / stuffy nose.**
- If you develop any one of these symptoms or feel unwell, self-isolate and contact your GP or the student health unit (091 742228). **If you are short of breath and your GP is not available, call the emergency services on 112 or 999.**