

# LATEST TRAVEL UPDATES

**As of 28th June, new border changes will provide greater flexibility for Island residents and permitted visitors to travel to and from the Isle of Man.**

This newspaper wrap provides important information on the current border process as we progress toward less restrictive travel within the British Isles.

As we transition to a new border level, remember to be safe, and protect yourself from coronavirus.

Be smart, and use trusted sources of information on which to base your personal choices, and be kind to yourself and others.



# INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER

Our Exit Framework set out the aim of restoring unrestricted travel between the Isle of Man and the rest of the British Isles by 28<sup>th</sup> June, and until recently we have been progressing well toward this objective. I am pleased that, despite a sharp increase in traveller numbers since our most recent border changes, we have seen only a handful of COVID-19 cases detected in those travelling to our Island. However, sadly the situation with our neighbours has not been so positive. Based on data emerging from the UK and further afield, we believe that the Delta variant may be more transmissible and more likely to lead to hospitalisation for those who have not been vaccinated.

We announced last week that we would be making changes to the Island's border restrictions, though we are unfortunately not yet able to reopen them as fully as previously hoped.

The revised approach - which will come into place next Monday, on the 28<sup>th</sup> June - will allow us to reopen our borders for those who have '2+2' status. This means having received the full course of vaccination (two doses), and two weeks has passed since your final dose. It will also mean that existing arrangements remain in place for those who have not yet received both doses of the vaccine. This newspaper wrap outlines the impact that these changes will have on our Island and provides more detail on the processes to follow if you or a loved one is travelling to or from the Island this summer.

We are fully committed to restoring unrestricted travel with the British Isles, however we must continue to prioritise the safety of our Island and we will continue to monitor the situation in the UK and further afield.

The vaccination programme plays a pivotal role in our ability to live in a world with COVID-19 and signals the primary way in which we can reduce our collective risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. I urge anyone that has not yet done so, to register for their first dose at [gov.im/covid19](https://gov.im/covid19).

The 28<sup>th</sup> June still marks a big step forward for our Island. As we begin to welcome back a greater number of visitors to our shores, and as many are able to see friends and family for the first time in a long while, I ask you all to be safe, be smart and be kind to one another.

Kind Regards,

Hon. Howard Quayle MHK,  
Chief Minister



As we continue to progress through the vaccination programme and our defences as a community increase, it is still worth remembering that travel does carry an inherently higher risk of carrying and transmitting COVID-19, even when you may not be symptomatic.

There are currently no legal restrictions in place on the general public, however the personal choices and individual measures we all take will play a major part in our defence against coronavirus.

Coronavirus is highly contagious and it especially spreads through **close contact**, in **crowded places** and in **confined spaces**. The risk increases when these factors overlap.



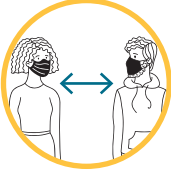
### HANDS

Wash hands regularly and maintain good hygiene



### FACE

Consider wearing a face covering as a personal choice



### SPACE

Consider personal distancing in crowded or confined spaces



### FRESH AIR

Ventilate rooms well, and choose outdoor settings where possible

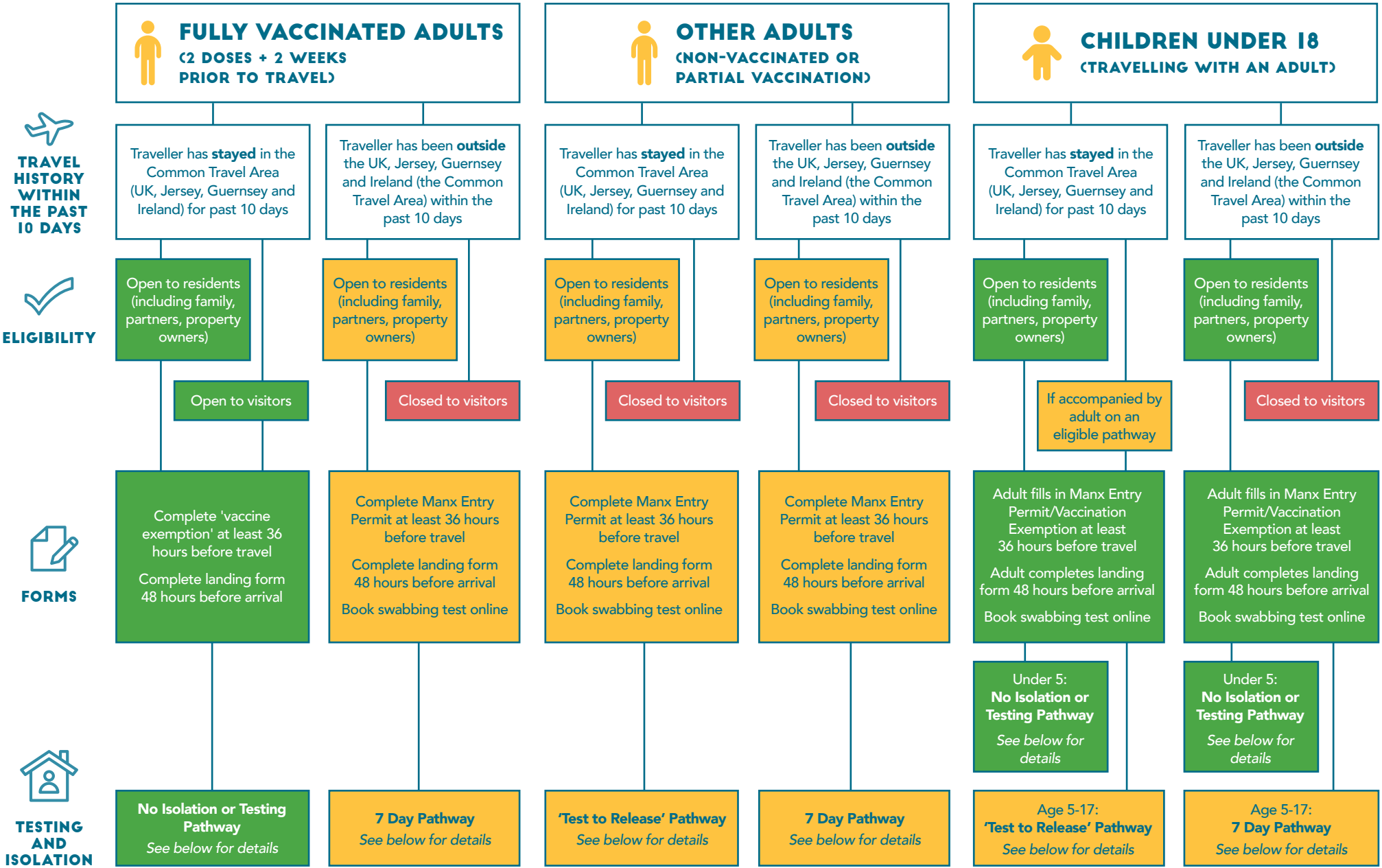
This table summarises the changes from 28<sup>th</sup> June. Entry exemption routes for key workers, compassionate reasons and contractual obligations still remain. Please visit [gov.im/covid19](https://gov.im/covid19) for more information.

## TRAVELLING TO OR FROM THE ISLE OF MAN THIS SUMMER

From 28<sup>th</sup> June, changes will come into place that mean people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are able to enter the Isle of Man without the need for a test or isolation.

Residents and eligible visitors who have not yet been fully vaccinated (including family, partners and property owners, as well as those permitted via key worker, compassionate or contractual pathways), will continue to be able to enter the Island under the same current rules: either under the 'Test to Release' pathway for those travelling from the Common Travel Area, the 7-Day Pathway for those coming from outside the Common Travel Area, or the 21 Day Pathway if choosing not to be tested on arrival.

It is important that all travellers submit the necessary approval and landing forms prior to travel, and must carry photographic ID upon arrival. All travellers are restricted from visiting health or care settings for the 10 days following arrival into the Isle of Man, unless explicitly permitted to do so. You will still be able to access care in an emergency, but must call ahead and explain your situation.



#### NO ISOLATION OR TESTING PATHWAY

- No testing,
- No isolation
- Restriction on health and care settings up to Day 10

#### 'TEST TO RELEASE' PATHWAY

- Test within 48hrs of arrival ('Day 0'), and on Day 6 (monitoring)
- Isolation until first negative result received, usually within 24-48 hours of arrival
- £30 per traveller (free for patient transfers and students)
- Shared household isolation permitted, household members do not need to be tested
- Restrictions on health and social care settings up to Day 10

#### 7 DAY PATHWAY

- Testing within 48hrs of arrival (Day 0) and testing on Day 6
- Isolation until second negative test. Able to have 1 hour exercise per day after first negative test
- £30 per traveller (free for patient transfers and students)
- Shared household isolation permitted, household members do not need to be tested
- Restrictions on health and social care settings up to Day 10

#### NON-TESTING PATHWAY

- If you choose not to reduce isolation by using a testing pathway, all non-vaccinated travellers must isolate for 21 days
- Shared household isolation not permitted.

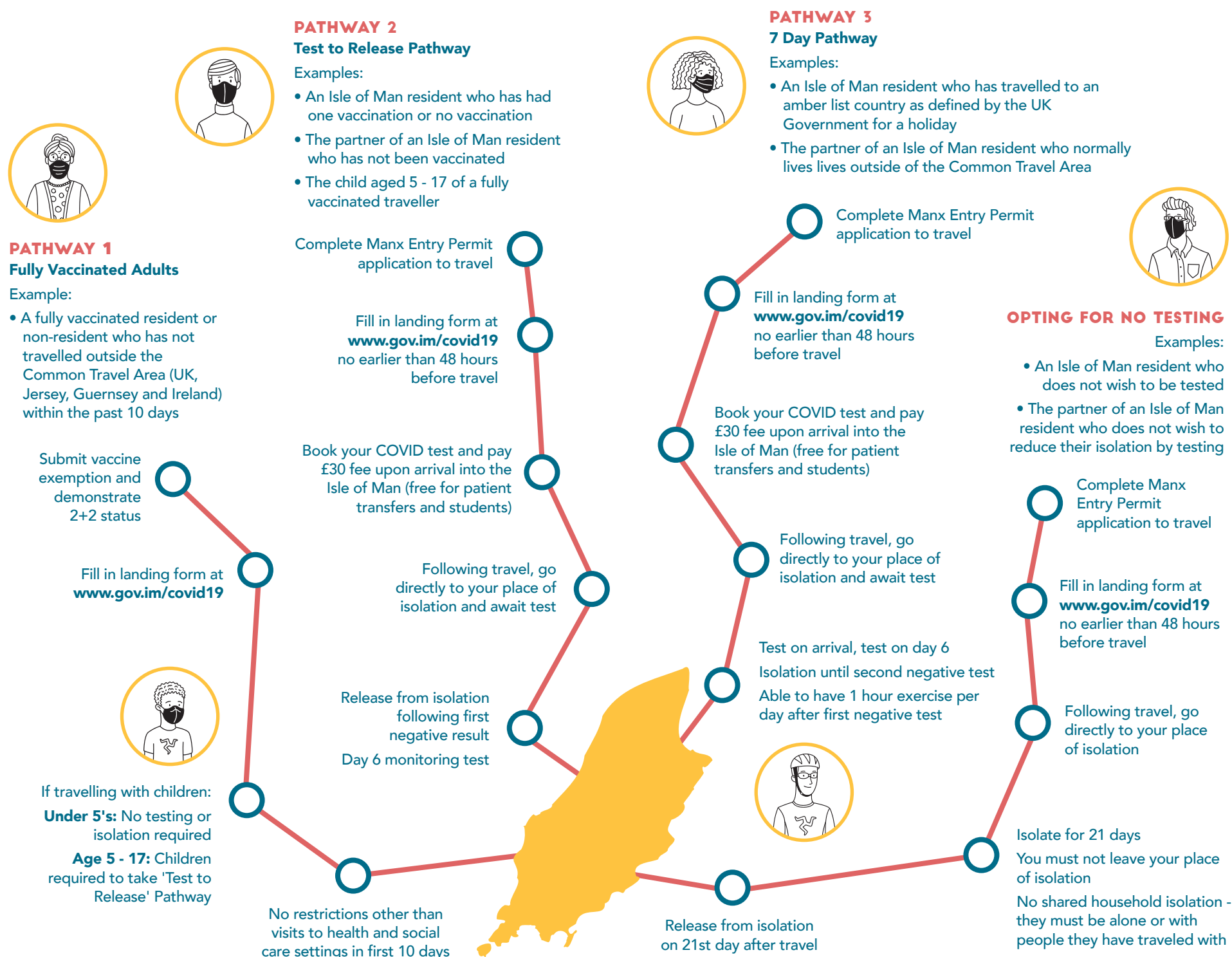
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All travellers must carry valid photographic ID to enter the Isle of Man. Entry exemption routes for key workers, compassionate grounds and contractual obligations still remain. Clinically vulnerable children (16 - 17) who are fully vaccinated may be able to access the No Isolation or Testing Pathway depending on circumstance. See [gov.im/covid19](https://gov.im/covid19) for more information

# WHAT DO THE ISLAND'S BORDER CHANGES MEAN FOR ME?

We all have different individual circumstances. Inside, you will find a summary of the pathways available to those travelling to or from the Isle of Man this summer.

Here are some examples of what this means for individuals. Please note that these are supplied for guidance only, visit [gov.im/covid19](https://gov.im/covid19) for full details and information specific to your situation.



## LAST CHANCE TO ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND BE PART OF THE ISLAND'S BIGGEST EVER VACCINATION PROGRAMME!

The vaccines in use are safe and effective in protecting you against the virus. Registering is quick and easy – simply call 111 or visit [gov.im/covidvaccination](https://gov.im/covidvaccination)



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