

Covid 19 Guidance and regulations for international travel

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Activities requiring international travel are now permitted. However, leaders planning such activities will need to take in to account and justify, through appropriate planning and risk assessing, issues which arise for these trips because of Covid 19.

Please note that these requirements are in addition to instructions and guidance issued to date in relation to residential trips and activities.

1. The trip organisers will have to comply with any requirements set out in the laws or guidelines of the country they intend to travel to from the UK.
2. The trip organisers will have to comply with any requirements set out in the UK laws or guidelines related to returning from the country the activity is to take place in. [Foreign travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)
3. Travel to and from the proposed destination is to be arranged so that any risk, be it the possibility of infection or financial loss, be minimised. It is worth considering time of departure / return as well as from and to where the participants are flying. Consideration will also need to be given to the possibility of increasing infection rates and further restrictions being introduced by the governments in either country. PSA UK Region insurance will not pay out any compensation related to addition restrictions being introduced because of covid. Consideration should be given to how any resulting losses will be settled. It is possibly worth explaining to parents the situation and whether they are prepared to bear such losses. As PSA (UK Region), we are unable to cover such losses.
4. The leaders will need to present a plan of action in the event of infection of a participant during the trip taking into account but not limited to:
 - a. How will an under 18 year old participant be isolated and given appropriate care/supervision.
 - i. Possibly establish contacts with the families of the participants in the country being visited, so that if necessary, infected persons could be taken into their care. Proof of consent for such a solution is required both from the participants parents and from the potential family carer.
 - ii. If placing with family, consideration will need to be given to method of transport and supervision during transportation.
 - b. Our insurance does not cover participants in the event of "Sickness". It is imperative that all members of the trip have a Global Health Insurance Card GHIC (which has replaced the EHIC) <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>
 - c. What will be the procedure in the event of an infection of the leader or member of the leadership team during the trip.
 - i. Can the trip continue?
 - ii. Will there be enough adults to comply with the adult to child ratio requirements?
 - iii. If the leader or guardian becomes infected, will a person with the appropriate instructor rank be available for the trip to continue?
 - d. If the trip has to end before time, what will be the plan to return to the country of residence. How will the additional costs be covered, if any?
 - e. If an infected participant has to remain in the trip destination country, how will the additional costs be covered, if any arise?

Please note the above is a selection of items which will need to be addressed by the leaders/organisers of any international trips from the UK. These will need to be included in and addressed in a risk assessment in addition to the items outlined in the current risk assessment for residential activities, which will also need to be prepared.

Please note that all applications to Naczelnicy must be presented by Komendanci Chorągwi within certain timescales laid out in the Regulaminy Organizacji and whilst in the past they may have accommodated late applications, it cannot be assumed that this will be the case in future. Ensure you make your applications in good time.

It also needs to be noted that, issues related to Covid 19 are still changeable and PSA (UK Region) may need to review and change its guidance and requirements as events change or new restrictions are introduced.