

1. Introduction

Carlow College, St. Patrick's will welcome study abroad students from partner institutions in the United States for the Spring 2022 Term. In full compliance with current government guidelines, below is a high-level document to provide information to study abroad representatives and students.

For current COVID-19 guidelines at Carlow College, St. Patrick's, please click [here](#).

For current COVID-19 guidelines related to Ireland, please click [here](#).

We encourage all students studying at Carlow College, St. Patrick's to download the [COVID-19 Tracker App](#).

If you have any questions related to entry requirements, please contact Dr Eric Derr, International Officer, at intloffic@carlowcollege.ie.

2. Definitions

International Arrivals is understood to include students domiciled outside of Ireland who arrive in the State from abroad for the purpose of beginning or resuming a course of study in a higher education institution (HEI).

Mandatory Hotel Quarantine (MHQ) refers to the statutory requirement for defined categories of arrivals to enter into State-managed and monitored quarantine. This process is beyond the authority of the HEIs.

Self-Quarantine, also called “quarantine at home”, requires individuals to remain in their accommodation for up to 14 days or until an authorised negative RT-PCR is produced at least 5 days after arrival.

3. Pre-Departure

3.1 COVID-19 Passenger Locator Form

All travelers to Ireland must complete the [COVID-19 Passenger Locator Form](#) electronically before they arrive in Ireland; failure to complete the Form is an offence. The information students provide may be used to contact them in the 14 days following arrival to verify the details given on this form and to provide them with public health advice. This form may also be used for the purposes of contact tracing in relation to confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19.

3.2 Vaccination Status

It is advised by the Irish Government that all students, where possible, be fully vaccinated before travelling to Ireland. In the Irish context, to be fully vaccinated means the following:

A full course of any one of the following vaccines	Regarded as fully vaccinated after:
2 doses of Pfizer-BioNtech Vaccine: BNT162b2 (Comirnaty®)	7 days
2 doses of Moderna Vaccine: CX-024414 (Moderna®)	14 days
2 doses of Oxford-AstraZeneca Vaccine: ChAdOx1-SARS-COV-2 (Vaxzevria® or Covishield)	15 days
1 dose of Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Vaccine: Ad26.COV2-S [recombinant] (Janssen®)	14 days

NB: The information included in this table is correct at date of publication and is subject to change. Please check the latest information at www.gov.ie.

3.3 Designated Countries

The restrictions students will face upon arrival into Ireland will be determined by two key factors:

- their vaccination status; and
- whether their country is currently deemed as high risk (designated).

As of 23 August 2021, the United States is not on the ‘Designated Countries List’. However, if it were to be moved to this list in the future, then students will face more strict entry criteria. If a student is not vaccinated, this will include Mandatory Hotel Quarantine. In order to see if the United States is designated, please check [here](#). Please note this list is updated regularly and countries can be added or removed at any time.

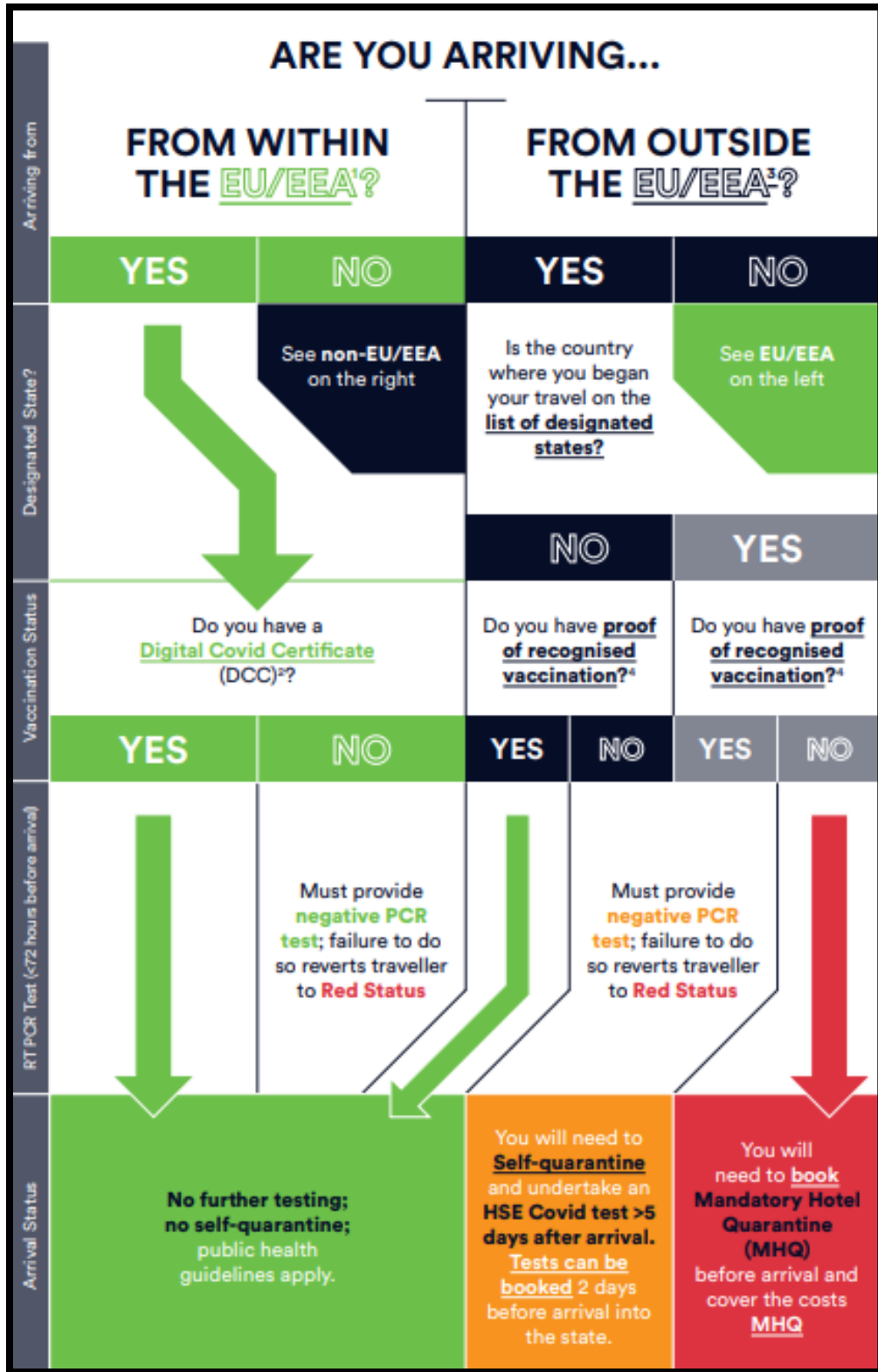
3.4 COVID-19 Entry Requirements

It is important that students understand the restrictions that they may face when they travel to Ireland. If the student is fully vaccinated with a recognised vaccine and can provide evidence of this, then the student will not need to quarantine.

EU/EEA students must produce either the Digital COVID Certificate or proof of a negative PCR Test.

Non EU/EEA students from a non-designated country must provide proof of vaccination or a PCR test.

Non EU/EEA students from a designated country must provide proof of a vaccination otherwise they must enter Mandatory Hotel Quarantine.



Source: [Education in Ireland](#)

3.4.1 Self-Quarantine

If the student is required to self-quarantine then they will need to ensure that they have booked their own room (not sharing) where they can safely carry out their period of self-quarantine. The self-quarantine period is 5 days minimum and can be up to 14 days. Please note that every student staying at Lennon House, located on the Carlow College campus, will have their own room.

In order to stop self-quarantining, the student will need to do a **PCR test** in Carlow 5 days after they arrive.

This test is free of charge and must be booked online 2 days **BEFORE** they depart. The link for booking this test is [here](#).

This 'day 5' test taken in Ireland is in addition to the PCR test that is required 72 hours before they travel.

3.4.2 Mandatory Hotel Quarantine

If the student is required to enter Mandatory Hotel Quarantine (MHQ) then this must be booked in advance.

More information on MHQ can be found [here](#).

Hotels can be booked [here](#).

Remember, the student can exit the MHQ if they have a clear PCR test after 10 days. As the MHQ is run by the Government, arrangements for that test will be made at the student's location. The hotels are generally based in Dublin.

Study abroad students of Carlow College, St. Patrick's who are required to enter MHQ will do so at their own expense.

3.5 Travel to Carlow

All study abroad students studying at Carlow College, St. Patrick's will be staying in on-campus accommodation at Lennon House. The International Office at Carlow College, St. Patrick's will arrange transportation to campus and will organise all orientation / induction activities. This information will be provided at your pre-departure orientation.