

CPP Band Trip: Ireland 2022 9/9/21 Travel Update

What is the scoop on the Covid-19 vaccination for international travel?

- The 8/30/21 EU guidance states that unvaccinated American travelers should be subjected to a quarantine period of 5-14 days when entering an EU country.
- **Vaccinated travelers are not subject to a quarantine period.**
- U.S. Embassy in Ireland updated their website on 9/8/21 to reflect the EU guidance is now in effect.

<https://ie.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>

Entry and Exit Requirements

- Are U.S. citizens permitted to enter? Yes
- Is a negative COVID-19 test (PCR and/or serology) required for entry? Yes
- However, for travelers arriving into Ireland from the United States who present valid proof of vaccination, no travel-related testing or quarantine is necessary.
- If you have valid proof of recovery from COVID 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

How does the travel insurance offered by Fourwinds handle Covid?

From Fourwinds:

Travelex Insurance considers Covid the same as any other sickness so if someone becomes ill or tests positive prior to departure, they would be eligible for cancellation benefits. If someone were to become ill while traveling or test positive (or become quarantined per doctor order) they would also be eligible for benefits. Trip Interruptions helps with parts of the trip that were missed and additional travel expenses, Trip Delay helps with accommodation and meals, Medical Expense is doctors, hospitals, medicine, etc. and Medical Evacuation is to help you get home if the condition is more serious and/or long term. Our policy does NOT cover border closures, travel alerts, etc. however if the trip is cancelled to be rescheduled, the policy can be transferred to the new travel dates/trip. You can review our COVID FAQ here: <https://www.travelexinsurance.com/covid19>. Please feel free to share this with your travelers.

Will we get refunded if the entire trip is cancelled?

Yes, though the amount depends on the date of cancellation. Each underlying vendor (airline, hotels, bus companies, security, meals, instrument rentals, and so on) have different policies. Some allow cancellations up to 7 days out, others require 90 days. There is VERY LOW RISK of the trip being cancelled, and in the unlikely event this happens, the refunds will come from Fourwinds, not the travel insurance policies.