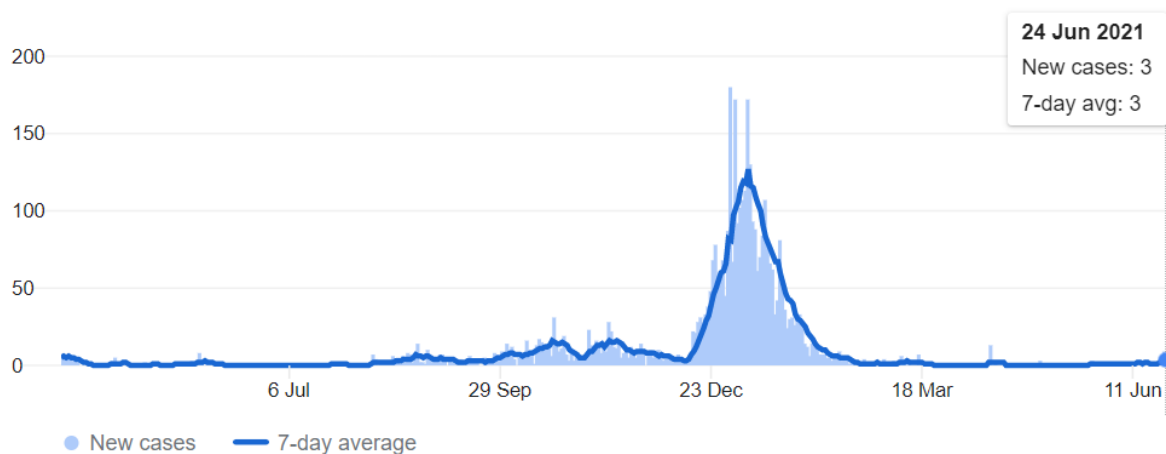


COVID-19 response case study – GIBRALTAR

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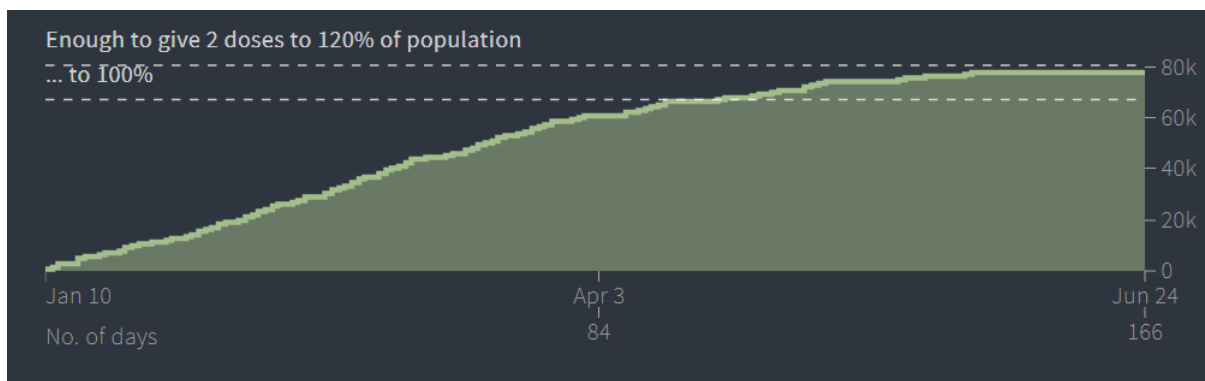
Gibraltar has success in keeping COVID-19 at bay from the community since vaccination whilst also significantly stimulating the visitor economy.

Gibraltar, with a population of 33,000 shares a border with Spain to the north. Approximately 15,000 people cross the border every day, potentially making the control of COVID-19 spread in the community more difficult than other territories. There have been 4,335 infections and 94 coronavirus-related deaths reported in the country since the pandemic began. The highly daily average was reported on 7 January 2021. This had reduced significantly by February, predominately due to the vaccination programme.



Data provided by Google from JHU CSSE COVID-19 Data

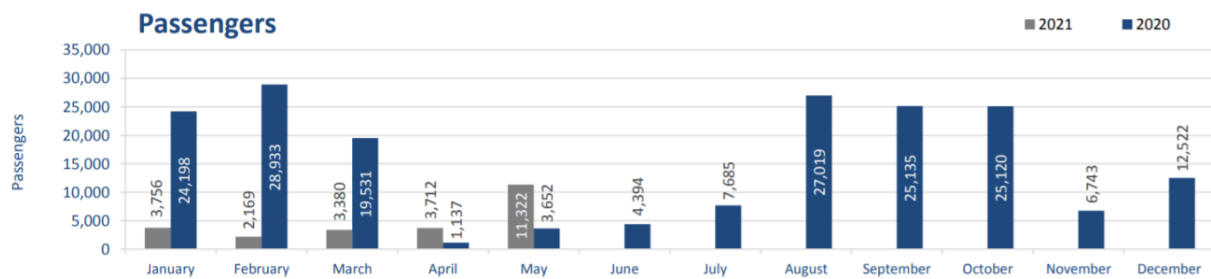
The vaccination programme started in January 2021 and enough doses were administered to give 2 doses to 100% of the population by April 2021. Gibraltar has administered at least 78,047 doses of COVID vaccines so far. Assuming every person needs 2 doses, that is enough to have vaccinated about 115.8% of the country's population. Gibraltar Government chose to vaccinate both the living and working population. Therefore, vaccinations were offered to all workers in the territory, including those who lived in nearby Spanish areas such as La Linea and commuted in.



<https://graphics.reuters.com/world-coronavirus-tracker-and-maps/countries-and-territories/gibraltar/>

The vaccination rate significantly helped to reduce COVID-19 case numbers to an average of 3 new cases a day from a previous high of 127 in January. The new cases now are coming from new entrants to the territory, having tested positive for COVID-19 on arrival,

rather than from residents. These cases are immediately identified on the first day of arrival and required to quarantine to avoid community spread. Based on monthly air arrivals of 11,322 in May, this rate represents around 0.005% of air arrivals.



<https://www.gibraltarairport.gi/content/air-traffic-statistics>

Gibraltar started to become easier to visit from the UK when it was granted green travel list status by the UK on 18 May. Its air passenger arrivals (the majority flights originate from the UK at this time, most regular flights to Morocco suspended) jumped from around 3,500 to over 11,000 as a result of the change in UK rules.

On 13 June, Gibraltar further 'opened up' when the Gibraltar Government instigated new rules which allowed a risk-based approach to arrival procedures. Gibraltar Government:

- Instigated a green, amber, and red list.
- Allowed for more relaxed rules for vaccinated arrivals.
- Had separate rules for day trippers using a bubble approach.
- Allowed for rapid testing in some circumstances and PCR testing in others, based upon risk.
- Summarised the requirements in easy to refer tables (see end).

To use the tables, an arrival would choose the appropriate table depending on whether they are fully vaccinated or not. Thereafter, they should consider which countries they have spent the last 10 days in and refer to a list of red, amber, and green countries on the Visit Gibraltar website <https://www.visitgibraltar.gi/covid-19> . They would choose the column relating to the highest risk colour.

The information in the column relates to the entry requirements including:

- Whether they need to fill in a passenger locator form (which would only be needed if they arrived by air)
- Whether they need a test prior to departure.
- Whether they need a lateral flow or PCR test on arrival
- Whether they need to self-isolate
- Whether they need a second lateral flow or PCR test and after how many days.

Due to being on the UK's Green List, reducing the quarantine length and utilising testing to mitigate risk, vaccinating a large proportion of living, and working population, and the territory being a summer sun destination with regular flights to the UK, meant that visitor numbers have soared, whilst COVID-19 cases have not.

The requirement for mask wearing has relaxed, and life has recently started to 'get back to normal'. The hotels are seeing so much demand for rooms that during June, most hotels have sold out.

It is expected that this boom will continue until more countries appear on the UK's green list.

Summary of Testing and Self-Isolation Requirements for Entry into Gibraltar

FULLY VACCINATED

Measure	Green Country (Fully vaccinated) (as per UK green list plus UK and Spain)	Amber Country (Fully vaccinated) (any country not on the Green or Red List)	Red Country (Fully vaccinated) (as per UK Red List)
Passenger Locator Form	Air only	Air only	Air only
Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test	N/A	N/A	Air only (8 years or over)
COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate	Air Only - Upload valid vaccination certificate on the Passenger Locator Form	Air arrivals: Upload valid vaccination certificate on the Passenger Locator Form Sea and Land arrivals: Present valid vaccination certificate to an officer of the Borders and Coastguard Agency on entry into Gibraltar	Air arrivals: Upload valid vaccination certificate on the Passenger Locator Form Sea and Land arrivals: Present valid vaccination certificate to an officer of the Borders and Coastguard Agency on entry into Gibraltar
Lateral Flow Test (arrival)	Air only - Test conducted within 24hrs of arrival (12 years or over)	Test conducted immediately on arrival (12 years or over)	N/A
PCR Test (arrival)	N/A	N/A	Yes (8 years or over)
Self-Isolation	N/A	N/A	N/A
Further Lateral Flow Test	Air only - Test conducted on Day 5 - If person (12 years or over) is remaining in Gibraltar for more than 7 days (12 years or over)	Day 5 (12 years or over)	N/A
Further PCR Test	N/A	N/A	Day 5 (8 years or over)

NOT VACCINATED

Measure	Green Country (Not vaccinated) (as per UK green list plus UK and Spain)	Amber Country (Not vaccinated) (any country not on the Green or Red List)	Red Country (Not vaccinated) (as per UK Red List)
Passenger Locator Form	Air only	Air only	Air only
Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test	Air only (12 years or over)	Air only (12 years or over)	Air only (8 years or over)
COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lateral Flow Test (arrival)	Air only - Test conducted within 24hrs of arrival (12 years or over)	N/A	N/A
PCR Test (arrival)	N/A	Yes (12 years or over)	Yes (8 years or over)
Self-Isolation	N/A	5 Days	10 Days
Further Lateral Flow Test	Air only - Test conducted on Day 5 - If person (12 years or over) is remaining in Gibraltar for more than 7 days (12 years or over)	N/A	N/A
Further PCR Test	N/A	Day 5 (12 years or over)	Day 10 (8 years or over)