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New COVID-19 Screening facility

For a special subsidised price of just £60 for passengers and airport-based staff, a new drive-through COVID-19 screening facility opened at Gatwick in November.

The site, located within the airport's long stay car park at the South Terminal, offers a fast and accurate and lab-analysed PCR swab test.

The facility, run by Express Test, typically provides COVID-19 test results in 24 hours, ideal for passengers who may need proof of a negative test to travel to certain destinations or simply want to take a test for reassurance. Anyone with recognisable symptoms will still need to use an NHS testing facility. ExpressTest is approved by the Government as a recognised provider for post arrival tests which allows travellers to reduce any necessary quarantine time.

The full details are [here on our website](#).



COVID-19 Impact

The global coronavirus pandemic has impacted heavily on the local communities surrounding Gatwick and life has changed dramatically for so many of our employees, colleagues and neighbours across our region. We know that Gatwick is not alone in going through such a stark time.

We are proud to have remained open throughout the pandemic and during the first wave facilitated humanitarian and medical supplies and repatriation flights.

As we emerge from a third lockdown we will do everything we can to restore public confidence in travelling again, while minimizing any risk of further spread of the virus.

The pandemic has illustrated the significant value the airport brings to the region. We may have some years to go before the airport recovers fully, however Gatwick will emerge a fitter and stronger airport.

Quieter Airspace

The London airspace has been much quieter during the pandemic and therefore aircraft are able to climb with fewer interruptions and fly more direct routings due to fewer airspace conflicts.

Whilst the more direct routings have meant some local residents experience aircraft overflight that they had not previously, for many the noise impacts have reduced significantly and there is a positive impact on fuel burn and consequent CO2 emissions. Inbound routing is also more direct and there is very little, if any, airborne holding.

For many the quieter airspace and changes in flight profile due to the pandemic has had a positive impact on noise levels around the airport but if you have been negatively impacted you can access data and generate reports on our specialised [website](#). You can also check specific information such as the height and frequency of aircraft flying over your property and register noise complaints and enquiries.



Community Awards

Gatwick's sponsorship of the Crawley Community Awards meant that local heroes have had their chance to shine. The virtual awards ceremony recognised these people and groups relating to Gatwick who are doing good in the local area, including:

- People & Wildlife Officer Tom Simpson of the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership for his work for the environment;
- Crawley Open House won the charity award;
- The Group Achievement Award went to the 19th Squadron RAF cadets.