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Face covering in planes and airport and all luggage checked in

London.—Britain published new guidance for airlines and airports on how to operate safely to minimise the risks from coronavirus, adding to hopes that the country will soon agree deals to allow quarantine-free travel.

Passengers and staff should wear face coverings in airports and on aircraft, while passengers should check in all luggage including hand bags and remain seated for as much of the flight as possible, said the Department for Transport yesterday.

Since the outbreak of coronavirus, there has been minimal flying into and out of Britain. Airlines had been hoping for a recovery in July, but they say new UK rules requiring in-

ternational arrivals to quarantine for 14-days have pushed this back.

Britain has said work is continuing on “air bridges” between countries with low infection rates, something which the industry says is vital to kickstart travel demand and avoid further job losses on top of the tens of thousands already announced.

The new aviation guidance shows the government is preparing for a restart.

“We are taking the necessary steps to ensure a framework is in place for the aviation industry to bounce back when it is safe for restrictions on travel to be lifted,” said transport minister Grant Shapps.

BEACH PARTY CANCELLED

- Palma City Council has decided to close all beaches in Palma during the Revetla de Sant Joan on June 23.

- Thousands of people from Palma and others usually flood the city's beaches to celebrate the Sant Joan Revetla, but the Council says large crowds could cause a new coronavirus outbreak.

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No big beach party this year for Sant Joan.

Canary Islands to test German tourists unlike Balearics

Madrid.—The Canary Islands are planning to welcome thousands of German tourists later this month before Spain's borders officially reopen, but want the visitors to be tested for the coronavirus, a source in the archipelago's government said. The plan, which still needs a green light from the central government in Madrid, follows an initiative by the Balearic Islands, which will start welcoming German tourists on Monday. The main dif-

ference is that the Balearics will not ask for a test, while the Canaries will.

“It's the most reliable system for minimizing risk,” the regional government source told Reuters, and the plan was to welcome up to 9,300 German tourists in the second half of June.

The source said it had not yet been decided if testing would be done before people travel or on arrival.

Severely affected by the pandemic,

Spain now seems to have it under control. It plans to start reopening its borders to foreign visitors on July 1, with exceptions for some islands.

The Canary and Balearic Islands are among the Spanish regions least affected by the virus, with around 2,000 confirmed cases each.

Tourism Minister Reyes Maroto said last week that the government was working on a contact-tracing app to be used in

both archipelagos and which could be rolled out across the country. The nearly 11,000 German tourists allowed to visit the Balearic Islands from Monday will have to provide health information and contact details and will face temperature checks on arrival, but will not undergo quarantine or testing.

A Spanish government source told Reuters on Tuesday that there were no talks on a travel corridor with Britain.