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## Britain offers fast-track visas for foreign health workers

London.—Britain's new immigration system will provide faster and cheaper visas for skilled health and social care workers, the government announced yesterday, setting out further details of the points-based system that will come into effect in January.

A new post-Brexit immigration system will apply to skilled workers and ends free movement of labour between Britain and the European Union (EU) following Britain's departure from the bloc earlier this year.

The state-funded National Health Service (NHS), which employs more than 1.2 million people and is Britain's front line in its fight against the coronavirus pandemic, relies on

labour from both the EU and other countries around the world.

Yesterday, the government outlined a new "Health and Care Visa" which will lower fees, cut application times and provide greater support for eligible applicants who will work in the NHS, social care or supporting companies.

In most cases the new immigration system requires any worker from overseas to have a job offer, sufficiently high qualifications and spoken English.

The government also announced that international students completing undergraduate or masters degrees will be able to stay in Britain for two years.



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# Johnson advises Britons to stay at home this summer

● We respectfully disagree Prime Minister, we would advise you to enjoy a fantastic holiday on Majorca!

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has advised people to stay at home this summer for a staycation in the "superlative" United Kingdom rather than travelling abroad to foreign shores.

"I think this is a great great year for people to have a staycation - this country is uniquely blessed with fantastic places for holidays," Johnson told reporters.

"I am certainly going to be doing that."

"Obviously if people feel the need for a foreign holiday then that is completely a matter for them and I totally understand it, but there are fantastic, fantastic places - peerless, wonderful, superlative places in the UK to go on holiday. That is certainly what I will be doing."

●●● The average number of daily flights

across Spain rose to over 2,000 in the first week of July, doubling from the previous week but still only about a third of year-ago levels as the COVID-19 pandemic kept travel constrained, airport operator Aena said.

Early July figures were much higher than the just 300 daily flights in the first week of May, when Spain started phasing out its coronavirus lockdown.



## More gin Ma'am? British royals offer palace tipples for sale

London.—Britain's royal family has begun selling dry gin infused with lemon, verbena, hawthorn berries and mulberry leaves collected from Queen Elizabeth II's gardens at Buckingham Palace. The "small batch" gin is on offer for 40 pounds (\$50) a bottle from the Royal Collection Shop, but only for delivery in the United Kingdom. **See Inside**

## Stay at home, Catalans are told

● The leader of the Spanish region of Catalonia called on residents of an area that has seen a surge in coronavirus cases to stay at home, despite a ruling by a judge who threw out a mandatory lockdown order for the district of 160,000 people.

Spain, lifted nationwide confinement last month, when the pandemic seemed to have come under control. **See Inside**