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UK BOOST FOR MAJORCA HOLIDAYS

Palma/London.—The latest tightening of travel restrictions has caused concern for the Majorcan tourist industry because it fears that the new rules may deter Britons from coming to the island while the rules remain in place.

The Spanish Government now requires UK residents who are travelling to Spain from the UK for tourism (excluding children under the age of 12 years old) to present on entry proof of being fully vaccinated (with both doses of a two-dose vaccine or one dose of a one-dose vaccine) at least 14 days prior to arrival in Spain.

But, it appears that an NHS Covid travel pass is going to soon be made available to 12-15-year-olds who are fully vaccinated.

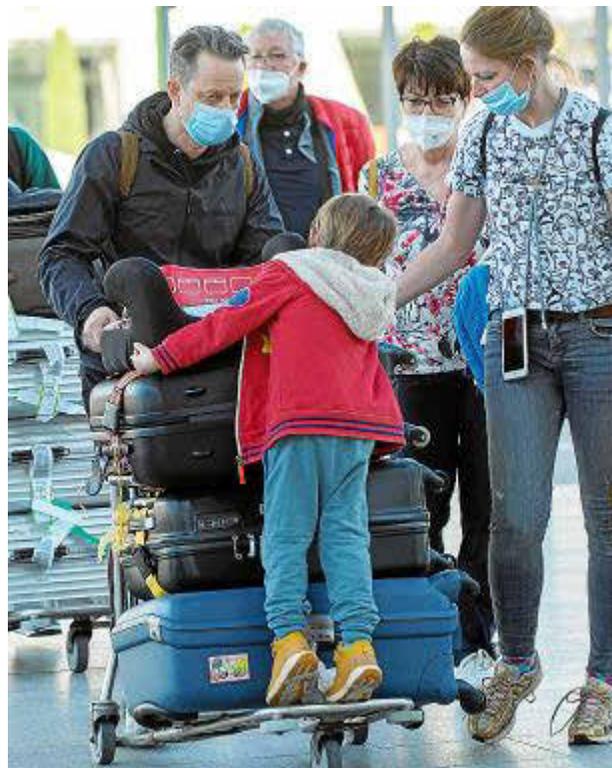
It comes after parents

have complained of holiday disruption in countries such as Spain as it requires proof that anyone over 12 has had both vaccines to enter.

Since the NHS Covid pass app is only available to those aged 16 and over, it is said the Government is looking into creating Covid travel passes for those 12-15.

Should it be introduced it will make it much easier for British families to come to Majorca on holiday considering the Covid passport is required to enter restaurants, certain hotel areas and nightclubs for the moment.

The other problem is that the UK needs to ramp up its vaccination of young people in order for them to be able to download their Covid passports in time in order to travel.



Covid passports for British teenagers will help tourism.



TUI REPORTS LOSS AS OMICRON CLOUDS SUMMER RECOVERY

● TUI has reported an operating loss of over 2 billion euros for its 2020-2021 financial year and said it may need to cut winter capacity as the Omicron coronavirus variant overshadows hopes of a rebound next summer.

The world's largest holiday company has struggled since pandemic restrictions wreaked havoc on the tourism industry, leaving its hotels, airlines and cruises largely empty since March 2020.

It expects travel bookings to return to pre-pandemic levels by summer 2022 but the Omicron variant has prevented it from giving an outlook for the current fiscal year running from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

"It is clear that now in winter, due to the new variant, there will probably again be a reservation restraint," Chief Executive Officer Fritz Jousen told a news conference yesterday.

TUI said it might have to limit its winter programme to the lower end of its guid-

ance for 60-80% of 2019 capacity depending on the fourth wave of the pandemic and possible policy decisions due to the Omicron variant.

To survive the pandemic restrictions, the group has had to take German state aid and raise money through debt and equity including a recent capital increase of 1.1 billion euros.

Asked about the possibility of another capital increase, the CEO said "nothing can be excluded at the moment."

However, mid-term earnings once the COVID-19 crisis ends should significantly exceed pre-pandemic levels, Jousen said.

"People want to travel and are willing to spend a relatively large amount of money on holidays," he said.

The company, which owns travel agencies, hotels, airlines and cruise ships, said it was currently recording 4.1 million bookings for this winter and summer 2022.