



THE MALTA CHAMBER

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## The Malta Chamber insists on remaining focused on reducing case numbers

The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry acknowledges the disappointment of the tourism industry after Malta did not make it in the UK's green travel list.

Worth noting that Malta came a long way in terms of reducing case numbers in a relatively short span of time. Although there's a sense of frustration and disappointment, it is worth highlighting that when considering the current number of cases per 100,000, Malta is only marginally higher than Portugal that made it on the UK list. The Malta Chamber said that other countries such as Germany have already declared Malta to be no longer a Covid-19 risk area.

The Malta Chamber believes that this bodes well for the addition of Malta to the UK's green list at the earliest opportunity. It is therefore imperative that we remain focused on reducing case numbers further and on achieving herd immunity through vaccination as quickly as possible.

Malta is well ahead of other EU countries in this respect, and this will ultimately determine not just how quickly we get on the green list, but also our ability to remain there once tourism opens as from the 1st of June.

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