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World blocks UK over new mutant virus strain – 23rd December, 2020

Level 0

Forty countries blocked travel to the UK because of a new kind of COVID-19. It is a mutant. It changed from the original virus. Some nations blocked links to the UK for a few days; others for two weeks. Many countries may change this. A travel ban by France is causing big problems. The UK gets a lot of food from France.

The new virus is 70% more infectious than the original one. It is spreading fast. It is out of control. A lot of the UK is in lockdown. Most people can only spend Christmas with people they live with. They cannot meet other people. The number of coronavirus cases has nearly doubled. The UK said there would be enough food.

Level 1

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The UK says the new virus is 70% more infectious than the original one. It is fast-spreading and out of control. A lot of the UK is now in lockdown. There are new rules about mixing with other people. Most people can only spend Christmas with people they live with. They cannot travel to meet other people. A politician said the news was very bad. The number of coronavirus cases has nearly doubled. The UK leader told people that there would be enough food.

Level 2

Forty countries have blocked travel to and from the United Kingdom. European countries, Canada, Iran, Russia and India are among them. The reason is because of a new strain of COVID-19. The new coronavirus is a mutant - it has changed from the original virus that started spreading earlier this year. Some nations blocked transport links to the UK for a few days; others for at least two weeks. Many countries are reviewing the situation. The biggest problems are being caused by a travel ban from France. A lot of the UK's food comes across the English Channel from France.

The UK government says the new virus is 70% more infectious than the original coronavirus. It is so fast-spreading that it is "out of control". Many parts of the UK are now in lockdown. The government issued new rules about mixing with other people. Most people can only spend Christmas with the people they live with. They cannot travel to see other family members or friends. A politician said: "The news over the last 24 hours has been deeply disturbing. The number of coronavirus cases has nearly doubled." The UK leader told people that there would be enough food.

Level 3

Forty countries have blocked air, sea and land travel to and from the United Kingdom. Many European countries, Canada, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Russia, India, and Colombia are among the countries. The reason is because of a new strain of COVID-19 that is spreading around the UK. The new coronavirus is a mutant - this means it has changed from the original virus that started spreading at the beginning of the year. Some nations have blocked transport links to the UK for a few days; others for at least two weeks. Many countries say they are reviewing the situation. The biggest problems are being caused by a travel ban from France. A lot of the UK's food comes across the English Channel from France.

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