

COVID -19 UPDATE

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Dear Chairman, Members & Clerks

Please see below the latest Covid19 Update.

NEW IMPORTANT

PM announces easing of lockdown restrictions

From Saturday 4th July, the Prime Minister has announced that:

pubs, restaurants and hairdressers (with appropriate precautions, including the use of visors) will be able to reopen, providing they adhere to COVID Secure guidelines.

Two households of any size should be able to meet in any setting inside or out with social distancing measures. Outside, the guidance remains that people from several households can meet in groups of up to six.

Some leisure facilities and tourist attractions may also reopen, if they can do so safely – this includes **outdoor gyms and playgrounds, cinemas, museums, galleries, theme parks and arcades**, as well as **libraries, social clubs and community centres**.

Outdoor Gyms & Playgrounds

We are still gathering updated information which will be published in due course. In the meantime:

- Each venue, including council-owned sports facilities, should make their own decisions about when their facilities are ready.
- Ideally organisations should publish an action plan detailing their plans to re-open safely and the steps they are taking to avoid confusion.
- Cleaning protocols should be put in place to limit coronavirus transmission in public places. It is advised that touch points (e.g. handrails and gates) should be particular areas of focus for increased cleaning.

Places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services including weddings with a maximum of 30 people, all subject to social distancing.

People can now enjoy **staycations in England** with the reopening of **accommodation sites**. people will be free to stay overnight in self-contained accommodation, including **hotels and bed & breakfasts**, as well as **campsites** as long as shared facilities are kept clean.

Following a review, the Prime Minister has also set out that where it is not possible to stay **two metres apart**, guidance will allow people to keep a social distance of **‘one metre plus’**

“close proximity” venues such as nightclubs, soft-play areas, indoor gyms, swimming pools, water parks, bowling alleys and spas will need to remain closed for now.

Guidance on how **businesses can reduce the risk** by taking certain steps to protect workers and customers.

- These include, for instance, avoiding face-to-face seating by changing office layouts,
- reducing the number of people in enclosed spaces,
- improving ventilation,
- using protective screens and face coverings,
- closing non-essential social spaces,
- providing hand sanitiser
- and changing shift patterns so that staff work in set teams.
- And of course, we already mandate face coverings on public transport.

Courts, probation services, police stations and other public services will increasingly resume face-to-face proceedings

Primary and secondary education will recommence in September with full attendance and those children who can already go to school should do so – because it is safe.

NEW

Plans to ease guidance for over 2 million shielding

Millions of people shielding from coronavirus (COVID-19) will be advised they can spend more time outside their homes from Monday 6 July

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-to-ease-guidance-for-over-2-million-shielding?utm_source=0877461d-6c5d-40c2-855e-5a236ee877a1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19?utm_source=6c143f42-97c4-47d7-a3f1-2cbba28a960e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

NEW

Accessing food and essential supplies

How to get food and other essential supplies during the coronavirus pandemic

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-accessing-food-and-essential-supplies?utm_source=0207545a-0a11-4470-9f4c-f8106fb0806e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

NEW

Coronavirus grant funding: local authority payments to small and medium businesses

Local authorities have received and distributed funding to support small and medium businesses in England during coronavirus

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-grant-funding-local-authority-payments-to-small-and-medium-businesses?utm_source=f2c01dda-8d5f-4851-9123-94f3b4ebbd3e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Kind Regards

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