

# COVID-19 UPDATE

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## Issue 61

Dear Chairman, Councillors, Clerks, members and other partners,

Please see the latest Covid-19 Update below:

### **NEW IMPORTANT**

#### **HM Government announces that social gatherings of more than six people will be illegal in England from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September onwards.**

This is as a consequence of a steep rise in Coronavirus cases. There will be some exemptions to this new ruling.

We are awaiting comprehensive guidance from the National Association of Local Councils to be issued on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Details will be sent out to the membership upon receipt at that time.

The law change will ban larger groups from meeting anywhere indoors or outdoors for social gatherings.

**Meetings must therefore continue virtually until further notice.**

**The rules will not apply to schools, workplaces or Covid-secure weddings, funerals and organised team sports however.**

This change will be enforced through a £100 fine should people fail to comply, doubling on each offence up to a maximum of £3, 200.

The new rules - which come into force on **14<sup>th</sup> September 2020** give a marked change to England's current guidance. At present, the guidance says that two households of any size are allowed to meet indoors and outdoors, or up to six people from different households outdoors. Until now, the Police have had no powers to stop gatherings unless they exceeded 30 participants.

The Prime Minister is expected to give further details of these changes at the Downing Street Covid-19 press and media briefing later today.

With kind regards,



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