COVID-19: Local Restrictions – Updated 9 September

Additional local lockdown restrictions may apply in your area, for more details **click here**.

COVID-19 Guidance: Meeting with others safely (social distancing) – Updated 14 September

More detail around this update can be found below.

COVID-19: Hospital Discharge Service Policy and Operating Model – Updated 16 September

This has been updated to ensure the safe discharge from hospital to the most appropriate place. For more information **click here**.

COVID-19: Working safely during coronavirus – Updated 17 September

It will be mandatory for certain businesses to have a system to collect NHS Test and Trace data, and keep this for 21 days. Core COVID-19 secure requirements will be mandated for hospitality businesses, and egregious breaches enforced. The government has also published simplified COVID-secure guidance. **Click here** to access this resource.

COVID-19 funding for social care – Press Release 17 September

The Government has announced that care providers will be given an extra £546 million to bolster infection control and help protect residents and staff throughout winter. To see the full press release **click here**.

COVID-19: New plan to help protect care homes from coronavirus over winter – Published 18 September

A new adult social care winter plan will aim to curb the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) infections in care settings throughout the winter months has been revealed by the Government. For more information **click here.**

Social gatherings changes from 14th September

The government announced from 14th september new social gathering rules. When meeting those outside of your household you must not meet in a group of more than six people. This applies indoors and outdoors.
Where people are found to be breaching these new rules, fines can be imposed by the police which could total up to £3,200.

There are exceptions where groups can be larger than 6 people. These include:

- For work, or the provision of voluntary or charitable services
- Registered childcare, education or training
- Supervised activities provided for children, including wraparound care, youth groups and activities, and children's playgroups
- Providing support to a vulnerable person

- Providing emergency assistance, and to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm
- For arrangements where children do not live in the same household as both their parents
- Fulfilling a legal obligation, such as attending court or jury service
- Elite sporting competition and training
- Wedding and civil partnership ceremonies and receptions - up to 30 people, in a public place
- Funerals - up to 30 people. This does not include wakes, other than for religious ceremonial purposes
- Other religious and belief-based life cycle ceremonies - up to 30 people, in a public place. This only covers the ceremonies, and does not include celebrations of these events
- Organised sport or exercises classes or licensed outdoor physical activity. This does not include informal sport or fitness activity with family or friends - this must be limited to a group of 6
- Support groups - formally organised groups to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support. This includes support to victims of crime, recovering addicts, new parents, people with long-term illnesses, those facing issues relating to their sexuality or gender, and those who have suffered bereavement.
- Protests - if organised in compliance with COVID-19 secure guidance

Full government guidance can be found here.

Policy Updates

- The Coronavirus Policy and Procedure has been reviewed in light of the new social distancing rules
- The Pandemic Policy and Procedure has been updated and streamlined to reflect the current position with COVID-19
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy and Procedure has been updated and streamlined to reflect national guidance on PPE requirements
- The Infection Control Policy and Procedure has been updated and streamlined to reflect current guidelines
- The Swabbing Policy and Procedure has been reviewed to ensure it reflect currents testing guidelines
- All fact sheets and easy read documents have also been updated in light of the new social distancing rules