

## Easing Lockdown Restrictions – Government Guidance

SCG Comms Hub –Guidance summary (24th June 2020)

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020, the Prime Minister announced measures to ease lockdown restrictions in England. The government has issued a series of updated guidance documents to accompany these new measures.

### **Working Safely - Sectoral Guidance**

This sectoral guidance includes advice to businesses within this sector on how they keep visitors safe, a consideration of which employees should return to work, how to manage the workforce, how to maintain social distancing, cleaning the workplace and the use of PPE/face coverings within the work environment.

### [Five Steps to working Safely](#)

Cross-sectoral guidance on how businesses can ensure their workplace is safe.

### [Keeping Workers & Clients Safe in Close Contact Services during COVID-19](#)

Updated guidance to keep workers and clients safe in close contact services including hairdressing, barbershops, beauty and nail bars, makeup, tattoo and spray tanning studios, spas, sports and massage therapy, well-being and holistic locations, dress fitters, tailors and fashion designers.

This guidance is also designed for those who provide mobile close contact services from their homes and in other people's homes, those in retail environments and the arts, as well as those studying hair and beauty in vocational training environments.

Hairdressers and barbershops will be permitted to reopen for services that relate to cutting or treating hair on the head only from **4 July 2020**.

Other services outlined above, with the exception of dress fitters/tailors which have already been permitted to open, will remain closed until further notice subject to the 5 tests – but this guidance will help them prepare for reopening.

### [Other people's homes](#)

Updated guidance for those working in, visiting or delivering to home environments. These include, but are not limited to, people working in the following areas:

- in home workers – such as repair services, fitters, meter readers, plumbers, cleaners, cooks, visiting childcare providers, and surveyors (this is not an exhaustive list)
- to home services – such as delivery drivers momentarily at the door

This guidance does not directly apply to live-in nannies who spend all their time with one household, or to their employers.

### [Restaurants, pubs, bars and takeaway services](#)

Updated guidance for keeping workers and customers safe in restaurants, pubs, bars and takeaway services.

This guidance applies to any food preparation or service setting where food and drink is sold for consumption at venues or for takeaway or delivery. For example, restaurants, pubs, bars, beer gardens, food to go, cafes, social and similar clubs operating as bars and restaurants, mobile catering and contract catering or similar environments where food and drink is purchased and consumed at a venue in their indoor or outdoor areas or offered for takeaway or delivery.

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This guidance also considers entertainment in restaurants, pubs and bars and similar venues where food or drink is served, provided they meet current government criteria for safe reopening.

It does not apply to food preparation or food service in clinical or healthcare settings.

#### [The visitor economy](#)

Updated guidance on how to work safely within the visitor economy while minimising the risk of spreading COVID-19.

This guidance is aimed at business owners, operators and workers in the following areas:

- **hotels and other guest accommodation** (including self-catering accommodation, B&Bs, hostels, camping, holiday homes, caravan parks, boats and other types of accommodation including short-term letting). This guidance should be read in conjunction with the working safely in hotels and other accommodation guidance.
- **indoor and outdoor attractions** (e.g. arcades, walking tours, theme parks, family entertainment centres, static funfairs, zoos, and aquariums). The events and entertainment guidance may also be useful for attractions that move around (e.g. roving funfairs) to be published shortly.
- **business events and consumer shows** (e.g. events taking place in meetings, conference, convention and exhibition centres). Business conferences, events, exhibitions and trade fairs are not currently allowed to take place in England.

#### [Hotels and other guest accommodation](#)

Updated guidance on how to open hotels and other guest accommodation safely while minimising the risk of spreading COVID-19. It gives practical considerations for how guidance can be applied in the workplace.

Hotels and other guest accommodation includes: income generating accommodation for example, hostels, motels, inns, pubs, student accommodation, holiday parks, B&B's, short term serviced accommodation and similar letting, guest houses, caravans, boats including for holiday hire and hotels, sleeper trains, yurts, chalets, campsites and caravans.

If there are any additional facilities attached to the guest accommodation for example restaurants, bars, leisure facilities or retail shops please check that each individual facility is able to reopen under current government guidelines and refer to the relevant guidance.

#### [Heritage](#)

Updated guidance for people who work or volunteer in heritage locations.

This document is one of a set of documents about how to work safely in different types of workplace. This one is designed to be relevant for people who:

- operate **heritage attractions** open to the public, e.g. a castle, historic house, historic park, garden or landscape, industrial heritage monument or open air site/museum including mobile heritage
- work or volunteer in **sites or places open to the public that occupy an historic structure, site or landscape** (e.g. a place of worship, or a public art gallery which happens to be in a historic building)
- **operate businesses in historic premises** (e.g. a retail unit in a listed building)
- **are specialists, or their employers** who carry out a range of activities such as site visits, inspections, surveys, excavations, fieldwork, repair, conservation, construction **in/on historic buildings or on sites with heritage significance** (including work on historic marine sites such as licencees of Protected Wrecks).

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### Shops and branches

Guidance for people who work in or run shops, branches, stores or similar environments.

### Vehicles

Guidance for people who work in or from vehicles, including couriers, mobile workers, lorry drivers, on-site transit and work vehicles, field forces and similar.

### Construction & Outdoor Work

Guidance for those working in the construction sector and outdoor spaces

### Factories, Plants & Warehouses

Guidance for those working in factories, plants and warehouses

### Office & Contact Centres

Guidance for people who work in or run offices, contact centres and similar indoor environments.

**Please note – further guidance will be published on gov.uk shortly and SCG Comms will update and circulate as soon as the information is available.**

### **Re-opening Businesses**

The government has [issued a specific outline](#) of which businesses are able to open and those that are still not able to open beyond the 4th July.

The government confirmed that all businesses and venues can reopen from 4th July, except for the list below, which remain closed in law:

- Nightclubs
- Casinos
- Bowling alleys and Indoor skating rinks
- Indoor play areas including soft-play
- Spas
- Nail bars, beauty salons and tanning salons
- Massage, tattoo and piercing parlours
- Indoor fitness and dance studios, and indoor gyms and sports venues/facilities
- Swimming pools including water parks
- Exhibition or conference centres must remain closed for events such as exhibitions or conferences, other than for those who work for the business or organisation who run the venue.

### **Meeting people from outside your household from 4 July**

In England, you can meet people you do not live within 3 types of groups:

- you can continue to meet in any outdoor space in a group of up to 6 people from different households
- single adult households – in other words adults who live alone or with dependent children only – can continue to form an exclusive ‘support bubble’ with one other household
- from 4 July, you can also meet in a group of 2 households (including your support bubble), in any location- public or private, indoors or outdoors. This does not need to be the same household each time

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It remains the case – even inside someone’s home – that you should socially distance from anyone not in your household or bubble.

Those who have been able to form a support bubble (i.e. those in single adult households) can continue to have close contact as if they live with the other people in their bubble. This should be exclusive and should not change.

Gatherings of more than 30 people will be banned, apart from some limited circumstances to be set out in law.

Click here to read [more](#)

### **FAQs**

The FAQs provide an overview of what you [can and can't do before the 4th July](#) and what [you can and can't do after the 4th July](#) as lockdown measures ease.

### **Assets**

BEIS uses [this portal](#) for its creative assets/hashtags/comms guidance. Campaigns on left hand menu include ‘Getting Financial Support’ and ‘Working Safely’:

- [Assets for working safely](#)
- [Showing your business is COVID secure](#)