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Local restriction tiers (England)

Please note this is a working document.

This is a summary of the [local restriction tier system](#). [Check your tier here](#).

Across all tiers, everyone:

- must wear a face covering in most indoor public settings, unless they have an exemption
- should follow the rules on meeting others safely and must follow the gathering limits at their tier except for in [specific settings and circumstances](#). Supervised activities for children are exempt from limits on gatherings in every tier.
- who can work from home should do so.

All zoos, aquariums and safari parks are expected to follow [COVID-19 secure guidelines](#) to protect visitors and staff.

Tier 1 - Medium	Tier 2 - High	Tier 3 - Very High	Tier 4 – Stay at Home
Visitor attractions All zoos and aquariums can open.	All zoos and aquariums can open.	All indoor attractions (including soft play areas) at zoos, safari parks and aquariums must close. Shops, through-ways and public toilets can remain open. Outdoor attractions can open including playgrounds, fairground rides and ziplining.	Certain outdoor venues, such as botanical gardens, heritage sites, and zoos and other animal attractions may stay open, but indoor elements at these attractions must close. Indoor elements include visitor centres, but toilets may remain open and through-spaces (e.g. entry/exit buildings) are permitted to open for access to outdoor spaces (or toilets etc.). Operators of these businesses must take reasonable steps to ensure that bookings and admissions follow the social contact rules, and that groups do not mix within the premises. Further guidance

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<p>Events</p> <p>Public events are permitted, live performances and shows are limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 4,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors. Other outdoor events are not subject to this cap. Local authorities are responsible for permitting or prohibiting organised outdoor events in their local area. Decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis. See Annex A.</p> <p>Business events can resume subject to social contact rules and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 4,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors.</p> <p>Weddings limited to 15 people for ceremonies and receptions.</p>	<p>Public events are permitted, live performances and shows are limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors. Other outdoor events are not subject to this cap. Local authorities are responsible for permitting or prohibiting organised outdoor events in their local area. Decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis. See Annex A.</p> <p>Business events can resume subject to social contact rules and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors.</p> <p>Weddings limited to 15 people for ceremonies and receptions.</p>	<p>No public indoor events. No public outdoor sporting or performing arts events except drive-in events. Other outdoor events are permitted. Local authorities are responsible for permitting or prohibiting organised outdoor events in their local area. Decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis. See Annex A.</p> <p>Large business events (such as conferences) are not permitted except drive-in events. Smaller meetings may take place up to 30 people with social distancing.</p> <p>Weddings limited to 15 people for ceremonies. Receptions are not allowed.</p>	<p>Businesses should not be operating demonstrations or any other events, such as feeding sessions, during this time.</p> <p>Wedding ceremonies permitted in exceptional circumstances for up to 6 people.</p>
<p>Groups</p> <p>No groups larger than 6 people, indoors or outdoors, other than where a legal exemption applies. This is called the 'rule of 6'.</p> <p>Coach/guided tours - If it is possible to accommodate separate groups of up to 6 (or larger if they are from one household) and they do not</p>	<p>Indoors - no socialising outside of households and support bubbles. Outdoors – No groups larger than 6 people unless from same household/support bubble (rule of 6)</p> <p>Indoors - If it is possible to ensure that groups of a single household/support bubble do not mingle it can go ahead.</p>	<p>No socialising outside of households and support bubbles. The rule of 6 applies in some specified outdoor spaces, including parks and the grounds of heritage sites and castles.</p> <p>Coach tours within/to/from a tier 3 area should not go ahead. Guided tours may take place outdoors if it is possible to ensure that groups of</p>	<p>Indoors - no socialising outside of households and support bubbles. In a public outdoor space - you can meet one person from another household.</p> <p>There are still circumstances where exemptions apply and larger groups are permitted.</p>

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<p>mingle on a tour, it can go ahead. People must stay in their own group on all parts of the tour when visiting attractions and on the coach.</p>	<p>Outdoors - If it is possible to ensure that groups of more than six (or larger if they are from one household) do not mingle, it can go ahead.</p>	<p>one household/support bubble do not mingle. If the tour is outdoors at a historic park, public garden or landscape, then the rule of six applies, in line with general restrictions.</p>	<p>Individuals can visit outdoor animal attractions on their own or with their household or support bubble. Only where the attraction is free to enter may they visit with someone from another household, subject to social distancing rules.</p>
<p>Travel Travel to venues which are open is permitted.</p> <p>If travelling to a higher tier follow the rules for that area.</p> <p>Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3/4 areas other than where necessary.</p>	<p>Travel to venues which are open is permitted, but advice is to reduce the number of journeys made.</p> <p>If travelling to tier 1 continue to follow tier 2 rules.</p> <p>Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3/4 areas other than where necessary.</p>	<p>Travel to venues which are open is permitted, but advice is to reduce the number of journeys made.</p> <p>Avoid travelling to other parts of the UK, including for overnight stays other than where necessary.</p>	<p>Travel outside of the place you are living is not permitted without a reasonable excuse, e.g. work (where you cannot work from home), essential shopping, education and childcare, exercise and recreation, medical reasons, worship and life events (e.g. weddings).</p> <p>You must not leave your Tier 4 area, other than for legally permitted reasons.</p>
<p>Hospitality If selling food or drink for consumption on premises stop taking orders at 10pm and close by 11pm.</p> <p>If you sell alcohol then all food and drink (including non-alcoholic) must be sold via table service. If you do not sell alcohol you do not need to provide table service but must take reasonable steps to ensure customers only consume food or drink once seated.</p>	<p>If selling food or drink for consumption on premises stop taking orders at 10pm and close by 11pm.</p> <p>If you sell alcohol then all food and drink (including non-alcoholic) must be sold via table service. Only serve alcohol with substantial meals. If you do not sell alcohol you do not need to provide table service but must take reasonable steps to</p>	<p>Bars, pubs, cafes, and restaurants must close – food and non-alcoholic drinks can be sold by takeaway, click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services. Alcohol can be sold by click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services.</p> <p>Outdoor stalls can offer food/drink as a takeaway service but alcohol may only be sold by click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services.</p>	<p>All cafes, restaurants, pubs, bars and social clubs must close except for takeaway (until 11pm), click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery.</p> <p>Any hospitality venues on site must close if they cannot be accessed through a separate entrance (for example where a cafe is accessed via an indoor animal exhibit).</p>

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<p>Where there is no seating available food/drink (including alcohol) can be ordered from a stall/kiosk/counter to takeaway and eat/drink anywhere.</p> <p>Selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue after 10pm through delivery, click-and-collect or drive-through.</p>	<p>ensure customers only consume food or drink once seated.</p> <p>Where there is no seating available food/drink (including alcohol) can be ordered from a stall/kiosk/counter to takeaway and eat/drink anywhere.</p> <p>Selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue after 10pm through delivery, click-and-collect or drive-through.</p> <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants.</p>		
<p>Retail Open - including indoor and outdoor markets.</p>	<p>Open - including indoor and outdoor markets.</p>	<p>Open - including indoor and outdoor markets.</p>	<p>All non-essential retail closed except for click-and-collect and delivery services.</p>
<p>Accommodation Open. Hotels and other accommodation can provide food and drink through room service at all times.</p>	<p>Open. Hotels and other accommodation can provide food and drink through room service at all times.</p>	<p>Open for people from the local area and those requiring the venues where it is necessary for work, education or training. Further guidance.</p>	<p>Closed except where guests are unable to return to their main residence, need accommodation for work or other permitted reasons.</p>