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Steps to reopening (England)

Please note this is a working document.

This is a summary of the [Roadmap steps](#) with additional guidance from DCMS and Defra. The Government will announce one week in advance whether restrictions will be eased as planned.

All zoos, aquariums and safari parks are expected to follow [COVID-19 secure guidelines](#) to protect visitors and staff. Operators must take reasonable steps to ensure that bookings and admissions follow the social contact rules, and that groups do not mix within the premises. The Government will continue to enforce restrictions and require businesses to demonstrate robust strategies for managing the risk of transmission and to ensure social distancing rules are followed. Where businesses do not follow the rules, the appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

Step 1 - 29 March	Step 2 – 12 April	Step 3 - no earlier than 17 May	Step 4 - no earlier than 21 June
Visitor attractions All zoos and aquariums closed	Outdoor attractions such as zoos and theme parks can open. Visitor centres and indoor attractions must remain closed. Toilets and throughways (including ticket halls) to toilets and/or outdoor areas can open.	Indoor attractions can open.	All attractions open.
Groups Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors. Guided tours (and other outdoor, socially-distanced, organised activities including workshops such as photography, gardening, and crafts) permitted at open venues and other outside spaces.	Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors. Either a single permitted group or multiple permitted groups that are kept separate throughout the tour. Groups are subject to the gathering limits.	30-person limit outdoors. Rule of 6 or two households indoors. Permitted subject to gathering limits.	No legal limits on social contact Permitted with no limits.

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<p><u>Education</u></p> <p>The guidance for schools advises against all educational visits at this time. However, indoor education spaces can be used now provided that the visit is an educational or training requirement that cannot be done online and cannot be delayed (it is the school not the attraction's responsibility to determine that the session is required).</p>	<p>Schools can resume educational day visits. Any educational day visits must be conducted in line with relevant COVID-19 secure guidelines. This includes a system of controls, such as keeping children within their groups and following the COVID-secure measures in place at the attraction.</p>	<p>Domestic residential educational visits permitted.</p>	<p>All permitted.</p>
<p>Events, displays and demonstrations</p> <p>No large events</p>	<p>Zoos and other animal attractions should not be operating demonstrations or any other events, such as feedings sessions scheduled for public viewing.</p> <p>No large events.</p>	<p>Demonstrations and scheduled feeding sessions permitted.</p> <p>Some large events permitted with capacity limits.</p>	<p>All permitted.</p> <p>Large events permitted.</p>
<p><u>Weddings</u></p> <p>6 people max. Receptions not permitted.</p>	<p>Ceremonies can take place in visitor attractions if the part of the venue used to hold the ceremony is used solely for that purpose. This includes rooms and spaces within indoor visitor attractions but only if they can be accessed directly from the street, or open outdoor areas. Receptions can take place with max 15 people in the form of a sit-down meal in a COVID-19 Secure outdoor venue.</p>	<p>Ceremonies and receptions up to 30 people in any COVID Secure venue.</p>	<p>No limits on weddings.</p>

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Travel Minimise travel. No holidays.	Minimise travel. No international holidays.	Large coach trips and tours with multiple groups in line with the wider social contact limits are permitted.	No restrictions.
Hospitality	Outdoor hospitality can open and customers are permitted to use indoor toilets.	Indoor hospitality open, no requirement for a substantial meal to be served alongside alcoholic drinks. Food and drink must be consumed at a table.	All open.
Retail Essential retail only.	All retail open provided that these are in self-contained units and are directly accessible from the outdoors (i.e. without going through indoor attraction elements).	All retail open.	All retail open.
<u>Accommodation</u> Essential use only.	Separate and self-contained accommodation which does not rely on shared facilities open for leisure. Accommodation with shared washing/toilet/water facilities will be able to open provided they are set up to ensure no household mixing takes place.	All accommodation open.	All accommodation open.