

Lifting Lockdown

Guidance Notes for Hospitality

Test and Trace will be mandatory for licensed premises. Businesses **MUST** display the official NHS QR code posters so that customers can 'check-in' at different premises using this option as an alternative to providing their contact details.

COVID-19 Risk Assessments – All premises must carry out a COVID-19 risk assessment. These must be regularly reviewed and updated to take account of any changes in the operations of the premises.

Stage 1 - 12 April 2021

Outdoor areas at hospitality venues (cafés, restaurants, bars, pubs, social clubs including members' clubs) can re-open, including for takeaway alcohol. Venues may allow customers in to use certain indoor facilities (use of toilets, baby change, etc.).

At any premises serving alcohol; customers will be required to:

- Order while seated
- Be served while seated
- Eat/drink while seated
- Wear face coverings whilst accessing indoor areas

Who can meet outdoors?

A group of up to 6 from mixed households or two households.

What is the definition of "outdoor"?

A place is indoors if it would be considered to be enclosed, or substantially enclosed for the purposes of section 2 of the Health Act 2006 (37) under the Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement Regulations 2006 (38).

Therefore, a marquee or any similar structure must not be wholly enclosed or substantially enclosed to be "outdoors". In practice, this means it must not have sides (including doors, windows or other fittings that can be opened or shut) that enclose more than 50% of the shelter, if you want to use it as an outdoor space.

If a marquee is a square but two of the sides are open to the air, then it can be used as an outdoors space. If the same marquee has three or four sides enclosing it then it becomes an indoor space.

Can takeaway alcohol be served?

Yes, as long as you have off sales as part of your licence you will be able to serve alcohol to take away. You will need to differentiate between the sales of alcohol that are being taken away from the premises and alcohol that will be consumed in the outdoor area (where table service rules apply).

Can pool tables, darts, fruit machines be used?

If these are indoors then they cannot be used.

Betting shops (subject to additional COVID-secure measures, such as limiting the use of gaming machines) will re-open.

Pavement Licences

A Pavement Licence is a licence granted by the local authority which allows the licence holder or premises owner to place removable furniture over certain highways adjacent to the premises in order to make it easier to serve food and drink from the premises, and help them maximise their capacity with outdoor tables and chairs.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/licensing/pavementlicence>

or by emailing request@nsdc.info

Stage 2 - 17 May 2021

Indoor areas of hospitality venues (cafés, restaurants, bars, pubs, social clubs, including members clubs) can re-open.

At any premises serving alcohol; customers will be required to:

- Order while seated
- Be served while seated
- Eat/drink while seated
- Wear face coverings whilst indoors (apart from whilst seated to eat/drink)

Who can meet indoors?

A group of up to 6 from mixed households or two households.

Who can meet outdoors?

Groups of up to 30 people from mixed households.

What are the rules around larger scale events?

Controlled indoor events of up to 1,000 people or 50% of a venues capacity, whichever is lower, will be permitted, as will outdoor events with a capacity of either 50% of 4,000 people, whichever is lower. The Government will also make special provisions for large, outdoor, seated venues where crowds can be safely distributed, allowing up to 10,000 people or 25% of total seated capacity, whichever is lower. In addition, pilots will be run as part of the Events Research Programme to examine how such events can take place without the need for social distancing using other mitigations such as testing.

What are the wedding/life event rules?

Weddings, receptions, funerals and commemorative events including wakes can proceed with up to 30 attendees. A broader range of standalone life events will also be permitted at this time, including bar mitzvahs and christenings.

Indoor entertainment and visitor attractions

Businesses that can re-open will include:

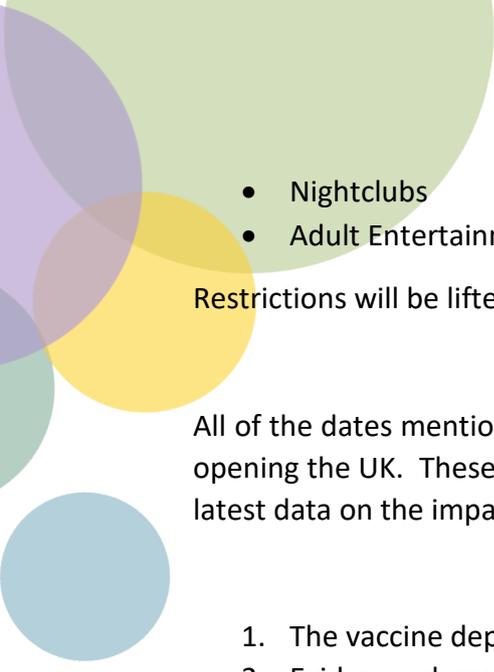
- Cinemas/theatres/concert halls
- Museums and galleries
- Amusement arcades and adult gaming centres
- Bingo halls/casinos
- Bowling alleys/skating rinks
- Games/recreation/entertainment venues such as escape rooms, laser quest and play areas (including soft play and inflatable parks)
- Snooker and pool halls

Outdoor events

Remaining outdoor entertainment events, such as outdoor cinemas, theatres and other performance events will also be permitted.

Stage 3 - 21 June 2021

Remaining businesses to re-open including:



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- Nightclubs
- Adult Entertainment Venues

Restrictions will be lifted on large events.

All of the dates mentioned above are estimates based on the Government's Roadmap to re-opening the UK. These depend on the four tests that the Government will use to review the latest data on the impact of the previous stage. The tests are:

1. The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.
2. Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.
3. Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisation which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.
4. Assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern.

You can find the latest information on COVID-19 at:

www.gov.uk/coronavirus and www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/coronavirus