

COVID19 Winter Plan

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Government Objectives

The Government's strategy will be guided by three objectives:

1. Suppressing the spread of infection
2. Finding new and more effective ways of managing the virus and allowing life to return closer to normal
3. Minimising damage to the economy and society, jobs and livelihoods; and ensuring education is safeguarded in nurseries, schools, colleges and universities.



Route back to normality

- Vaccines are at the heart of our plan to ensure life can return to normal as possible
- This includes the procurement of 350 million doses for the UK
- The vaccine must be **tested thoroughly** to ensure it is safe before issue
- Effective therapeutics will continue to be vital to contain the virus, even as vaccines are rolled out
- This will be delivered alongside mass community testing with 500,000 tests per day now available to all citizens of the UK.

A targeted approach for England

- National Restrictions - including the stay at home instruction - will be lifted on 2 December
- Despite this the virus is still present: we must maintain control it until an effective vaccine is available
- Stronger measures will be adopted in each tier to help control the spread:
 - In **Tier 3**: all hospitality will close except for delivery, indoor entertainment must also close
 - In **Tier 2**: pubs and bars must close unless operating as restaurants or serving substantial meals
 - In **Tier 1**: the importance of working from home will be reinforced

A targeted approach for England

Tier 1: Medium alert	Tier 2: High alert	Tier 3: Very High alert
Meeting friends and family		
Maximum of six indoors or outdoors, other than single households or support bubbles.	No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, sports courts, public gardens).
Bars, pubs and restaurants		
Venues must be table service only. They must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Last orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.
Retail		
Open	Open	Open
Entertainment		
Open	Open	Indoor venues closed
Personal care		
Open	Open	Open
Travelling		
Walk or cycle if possible. Avoid travel into Tier 3 areas (except where necessary, such as for work, education, medical attention, youth services or caring responsibilities).	Reduce the number of journeys made where possible. Avoid travel into Tier 3 areas (except where necessary, such as work, education, medical attention, youth services or caring responsibilities).	Avoid travelling out of the area, other than where necessary such as for work, education, youth services, medical attention or because of caring responsibilities. Reduce the number of journeys made where possible.



Christmas and beyond

- Regardless of faith, Christmas is a time spent with family - particularly as schools, universities and the majority of businesses are closed
- We are agreeing a **common approach** with our colleagues in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland so families across the UK can meet
- It has been a difficult year, and the Government **recognises the sacrifices** made by all of us - time with loved ones has taken on a new importance
- It will **not be risk free** - COVID remains a significant threat and although families may be together, it will not be a 'normal' Christmas.

Maintaining the right behaviours

The threat from COVID19 remains real, even during the rollout of a vaccine. We must continue to emphasise the right behaviours to minimise the risk:

- Hands: Wash your hands for 20 seconds
- Face: Cover your face in enclosed public settings, unless you are exempt
- Space: maintain a distance of at least one meter from others where possible
- Ventilate: increase ventilation in enclosed spaces whenever possible
- Isolate: if you have symptoms, get tested and isolate yourself from others when instructed



Maintaining the right behaviours

The most important way to suppress the virus is to **maintain the right behaviours**



Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds



Wear a face covering in enclosed environments



Maintain space, including social distancing with those outside your household or bubble



Minimise the number of people you see/meet, and where possible the duration of contact



Get a test \ immediately if you have any symptoms and share contacts to enable effective tracing



Make sure that any indoor space has good ventilation (for example by opening windows so that fresh air can enter)



If meeting people try to do so outdoors



Self isolate if you or another household member has symptoms or has tested positive, or you have been notified that you were in close contact with someone who has tested positive.