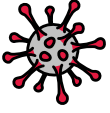




## Coronavirus (COVID-19): rules over the Christmas period in England



COVID-19

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) still making people ill, Christmas will be different for everyone this year.

### What are the rules from Wednesday 2 December to Wednesday 24 December?



rules

You must follow the **rules** that are in place in your tier level. You can use the [postcode checker](#) to see which **tier** you are in ([gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions](https://gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions))

### What are the rules over Christmas?



Christmas

On **Friday 25 December**, the rules will be changed for people who live in tier 1, 2 or 3. People will be allowed to travel within England, Wales and Northern Ireland to spend Christmas in “bubbles” of up to 3 households. If you live in a tier 4 area, you will unfortunately not be allowed to form a Christmas bubble. Travel into and out of Scotland is not allowed.

### What is a Christmas bubble?

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A Christmas bubble is a group of people from no more than **three households**.

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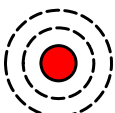
You can only be in **one** Christmas bubble. You **cannot** change your Christmas bubble.

You can only meet your Christmas bubble in **private homes** or in your **garden, places of worship**, or public **outdoor** spaces.



visit

If someone is in your Christmas bubble, you can **visit** each other's homes. You are **not allowed** to **stay overnight**.

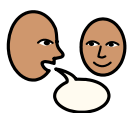


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### How big should my Christmas bubble be?

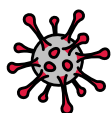
You should keep your Christmas bubble as **small** as possible.

## What should I do before forming and meeting my Christmas bubble?



contact

You should reduce **unnecessary** contact with people you do not live with as much as possible in the **5 days** before you form your Christmas bubble.



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## What if I or someone in my Christmas bubble shows symptoms?

If a member of your Christmas bubble tests **positive** for coronavirus (COVID-19) up to 48 hours after members of the bubble last met, **all** members of the bubble must **self-isolate** as if they were members of the same household.

## Can I form a Christmas bubble with people I do not normally live with?



different

If you live in tier 1, 2 or 3, you are **allowed** to form a **different** Christmas bubble from the people you live with normally, but only on Christmas Day (Friday 25 December). If you live in tier 4, you will unfortunately **not** be allowed to form a Christmas bubble.

## If I have formed a Christmas bubble can we go to pubs, restaurants and shops together?



meet

No. Bubbles can only **meet** in a private home, outdoors or at a place of worship.

## Guidance for care homes



care home

Some people living in registered care and of working age may be able to **leave** their care home to form a bubble, if they agree with the home and with individual risk assessments. A care home resident may form a bubble with **one other** household, and should **not** form a three-household Christmas bubble at any point.



social distancing

If a care home resident does join a household for Christmas they should social distance, wash hands regularly, and let plenty of fresh air into rooms by opening windows and doors.