



rules

The Prime Minister announced **new rules** on Tuesday 22 September to **stop the spread** of **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**.

These rules have been introduced because **more people** are **getting** the **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**.



England

This document tells you about the **rules** for people living in **England**. If you live in an area with **local lockdown** restrictions, there may be **more** rules you have to follow.

The Government says these rules could stay until **March 2021**.

Face coverings



face covering

- You must wear a face covering in **taxis** and **private hire vehicles** from **Wednesday 23 September**. You must continue to wear a face covering when using **public transport**, such as buses, trains and planes.



staff

- People who **work in hospitality** (such as cafes, restaurants, pubs and bars) and **retail** (such as shops) must **wear a face covering** from **Thursday 24 September**.



customer

- Customers** visiting **restaurants, cafes** and other **hospitality venues** **must wear a face covering**. They can **remove** their face covering when **sitting at a table** to eat and drink.



fine

- Fines** for **not** wearing a **face covering** have **increased**. The fine is **£200** for a first offence and will **double** for repeated offences, up to a maximum of **£6,400**.



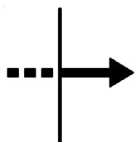
will not

- Some people **cannot** wear a **face covering**, for example because they have a **medical condition**. They will **continue** to be **exempt** from wearing a face covering and will **not** be **fined**.

Businesses



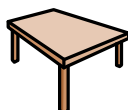
home



continue



close



table



contact



rules

- People should **work from home** if they can do so **effectively**. This must be **agreed** with your **employer**.

- People who work in **public sector** and **essential services** should **continue** to go to work.

- Anyone else who **cannot work from home** should go to their place of work as normal.

- Businesses which sell food and drink **must close** between **10pm and 5am**. This includes **pubs, restaurants** and entertainment venues such as **social clubs** and **bingo halls**.

- Businesses which sell food and drink can only offer **table service**. This means you will **order** your food and drink at your **table**.

- You **must provide** your **contact details** when visiting hospitality venues for **Test and Trace**. Test and Trace helps **stop** the **spread** of Coronavirus by **informing** people if they have been in contact with someone who has **tested positive** for Coronavirus.

- From **Monday 28 September**, businesses will have **stricter rules** to make their premises COVID secure.

Meeting people safely



family and friends



support



sport

- When seeing **friends** and **family** you do not live with, you must follow the **rule of 6**. This means you can only meet in **groups of 6**, which **includes** yourself.

- **Support groups** will be limited to **15 people** from **Thursday 24 September**. A support group is a **formally organised** group to provide resources, therapy or any other form of support.

- You can **play indoor sports** with a maximum of **6 people** from **Thursday 24 September**. This rule **does not apply** to indoor organised team sports for **disabled** people.



childcare

- From **Thursday 24 September**, **friends** and **family** will be allowed to **provide childcare** in areas which have a **local lockdown**.



wedding

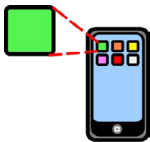
- **Weddings** will be limited to **15 people** from **Monday 28 September**. **Funerals** will continue to have a limit of **30 people**.



meetings

- **Business conferences**, **exhibition halls** and **large sporting events** will **not** be allowed to re-open yet.
- **Business meetings** are **allowed** to happen. The **rule of six** does **not** apply to business meetings.

For more information visit: www.gov.uk/coronavirus



app

New Test and Trace App

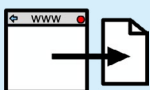
The Test and Trace App for England and Wales launched on Thursday 24 September.

It has a number of features:

- **Trace:** find out when you have been near other app users who have tested positive for coronavirus.
- **Alert:** lets you know the level of coronavirus risk in your postcode district.
- **Check-in:** get alerted if you have visited a venue where you may have come into contact with coronavirus, using a simple QR code scanner. No more form filling.
- **Symptoms:** check if you have coronavirus symptoms and see if you need to order a test.
- **Test:** helps you order a test if you need to.
- **Isolate:** keep track of your self-isolation countdown and access relevant advice.



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download

Download the Test and Trace App for England and Wales:

www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19