

# Food Alert

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Trying to keep pace with the latest COVID-19 rules and regulations is complicated enough, but with each part of the union responsible for its own path out of lockdown another layer of complexity has been added.

So, what is allowed (as of now) in each part of the United Kingdom?

## England



### Face & Social Distancing

- **Use of face coverings:** Mandatory on public transport, shops, indoors and hospitality venues when not seated at a table.
- **Minimum social distancing:** 1m plus – where possible people should remain 2m apart, if this is not possible, precautions should be taken to limit transmission, such as side to side and back-to-back working.



### Hospitality, Accommodation & Leisure

- **Cafes and restaurants:** Outdoor hospitality allowed. Indoor hospitality expected to reopen on 17th May with rule of 6/2 households.
- **Pubs and bars:** Outdoor hospitality allowed. Indoor hospitality expected to reopen on 17th May with rule of 6/2 households.
- **Accommodation:** Self-contained accommodation permitted to open for overnight stays, with household or support bubble only. Hotels are likely to be allowed to welcome guests from 17th May.
- **Leisure & Entertainment Venues:** Outdoor attractions are permitted to open. Indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas are expected to reopen from 17th May.
- **Outdoor and indoor events:** Small outdoor events such as fetes and food markets may take place. Larger events expected to be permitted from 17th May, with maximum capacity limits.





# England



## Socialising & Travel

- **Leaving the house and domestic travel:** People are advised to stay local, continue to work from home if they can and minimise the number of journeys they take, wherever possible.
- **Meeting outdoors:** Six people or two households may meet outdoors. This will increase to 30 people outdoors from 17th May.
- **Meeting indoors at home:** Not allowed (apart from support bubbles). Expected to change to rule of 6 or 2 households from 17th May.
- **Meeting indoors in public spaces:** Not allowed (apart from support bubbles). Expected to change to rule of 6 or 2 households from 17th May.
- **Weddings and civil partnerships:** Wedding ceremonies may take place with up to 15 people indoors or outdoors, but not private gardens. Expected to increase to 30 people from 17th May. Receptions are also likely to proceed with up to 30 people in a COVID-secure indoor venue or outdoors.
- **Funerals:** Up to 30 people permitted. From 17th May the limit on funerals will be lifted. This means any number of mourners will be able to gather as long as the venue can comply with social distancing.



# Scotland



## Face & Social Distancing

- **Use of face coverings:** Mandatory on public transport and in indoor public settings and hospitality, with exceptions including for those eating, drinking or exercising, or when seated at a table.
- **Minimum social distancing:** People must remain 2m apart from each other. Children under 12 do not have to social distance outdoors.



## Hospitality, Accommodation & Leisure

- **Cafes and restaurants:** Open. Outdoor hospitality allowed in groups of 6 from 6 households (not including under 12s) with alcohol permitted. Indoor hospitality permitted without alcohol in groups of 6 from 6 households (children do count towards household numbers indoors), closing at 8pm.
- **Pubs and bars:** Open. Outdoor hospitality allowed with alcohol permitted in groups of 6 from 6 households (not including under 12's); indoor hospitality permitted without alcohol, in groups of 6 from 6 households (children do count towards household numbers indoors), closing at 8pm.
- **Accommodation:** Tourist accommodation open.
- **Leisure & Entertainment Venues:** Closed. Expected to reopen on 17th May.
- **Outdoor and indoor events:** Not allowed. Small scale events anticipated for the review on 17th May.



## Socialising & Travel

- **Leaving the house and domestic travel:** Travel between England, Scotland and Wales permitted.
- **Meeting outdoors:** Six adults from up to six households permitted, not including under 12s. This is expected to change on 17th May to up to 8 people from up to 8 households).
- **Meeting indoors at home:** Not permitted. This is expected to change to up to 4 people from 2 households on 17th May.
- **Meeting indoors in public spaces:** Groups of up to six people (excluding children under 12) from two households can meet in indoor public spaces. This is expected to change to 6 people from up to 3 households from 17th May.
- **Weddings and civil partnerships:** Up to 50 people permitted to attend ceremonies and receptions.
- **Funerals & Wakes:** Up to 50 people permitted. There are plans to extend this to 100 from 7th June.



## Face & Social Distancing

- **Use of face coverings:** Mandatory on public transport and in indoor public settings and hospitality, with exceptions including for those eating, drinking or exercising, or when seated at a table.
- **Minimum social distancing:** Government guidance is that people must remain 2m apart from each other. By law, employers must take all reasonable measures to ensure a 2m distance. Children under 11 do not need to social distance. An extended household between two households which allows them to meet with each other in their homes and certain other places is allowed. This creates a 'bubble' that helps protect all members of the extended household.



## Hospitality, Accommodation & Leisure

- **Cafes and restaurants:** Outdoor hospitality open, gyms, leisure centres, swimming pools and fitness facilities open. Indoor hospitality is planned to reopen from 17th May.
- **Pubs and bars:** Outdoor hospitality open – 6 people from 6 households excluding any carers or children under 11 from any of these households.
- **Accommodation:** Self-contained holiday accommodation open.
- **Leisure & Entertainment Venues:** Outdoor visitor attractions open.
- **Outdoor and indoor events:** Up to 30 people allowed.



## Socialising & Travel

- **Leaving the house and domestic travel:** Travel allowed within the UK and Common Travel Area (Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man).
- **Meeting outdoors:** Six people from six different households can meet (excluding children under 11 and carers).
- **Meeting indoors at home:** Only permitted with household or extended household/support bubble.
- **Meeting indoors in public spaces:** Meetings only permitted with household or support bubble (single adults or parents joined with one other household).
- **Weddings and civil partnerships:** Ceremonies permitted with numbers depending on ability to maintain social distancing. Outdoor receptions allowed up to 30 people. Indoor receptions not permitted. Indicative date of 17th May for up to 30 people indoors and 50 outdoors.
- **Funerals & Wakes:** No legal restrictions on attendance at funerals. Outdoor wakes permitted up to 30 people.





# Northern Ireland



## Face & Social Distancing

- **Use of face coverings:** Mandatory on public transport and in indoor public settings and hospitality, with exceptions including for those eating, drinking or exercising, or when seated at a table.
- **Minimum social distancing:** People should remain 1m apart.




## Hospitality, Accommodation & Leisure

- **Cafes and restaurants:** Outdoors only with tables limited to six people from two households. Expected to reopen indoors from 24th May.
- **Pubs and bars:** Outdoors only with tables limited to six people from two households (). Expected to reopen indoors from 24th May.
- **Accommodation:** Self-contained holiday accommodation open but limited to people you live with in your household or people in your bubble. Hotels, guesthouses, B&B's not allowed to operate for social purpose only restricted reasons.
- **Leisure & Entertainment Venues:** Outdoor visitor attractions open. Indoor visitor attractions expected to reopen from 24th May.
- **Outdoor and indoor events:** Elite sporting events can be held behind closed doors without spectators. An indicative date of 24th May has been set for the return of indoor group exercise and training (numbers informed by venue).



## Socialising & Travel

- **Leaving the house and domestic travel:** People are advised to stay in their local area.
- **Meeting outdoors at home:** 15 people from three households are allowed to meet in a private garden.
- **Meeting indoors at home:** Not allowed. However, support bubbles formed by two households of any size but they can only meet in groups of up to 10 indoors including children. Overnight stays are not permitted unless part of a bubble. A change to the rules is expected on 24th May.
- **Meeting indoors in public spaces:** Up to six people from a maximum of two households can meet, for a permitted reason.
- **Meeting outdoors in public spaces:** Up to 10 people from a maximum of 2 households can meet in non- domestic outdoor spaces.
- **Weddings and civil partnerships:** Permitted – limited to 25 people. Receptions not permitted.
- **Funerals & Wakes:** There are no limits on numbers but then umber permitted is to be informed by a risk assessment for the venue. Pre- and post-funeral gatherings are currently not allowed but an indicative dare of 24th May has been set for resumption of post funeral gatherings (subject to review).

A photograph of a chef in a white uniform and a woman wearing a white face mask and a white t-shirt. They are in a kitchen setting, looking at a tablet computer together. The chef is pointing at the screen with his gloved hand. The background shows kitchen equipment and shelves.

As you can see the roadmap out of lockdown is not simple and there is much to think about, especially if you have venues in different parts of the United Kingdom. That's where safety compliance software, such as Alert65, can really make a difference. Reminders, checklists and handy signage templates are all saved in the cloud making complex compliance a breeze.

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