



Cabinet Office

New rules about COVID-19 in England: The 3 tiers



easy
read

Contents

Page



Introduction

3



The 3 tiers

4



All tiers

5



Tier 1: Medium alert

7



Tier 2: High alert

9



Tier 3: Very high alert

13



Where you are allowed to meet up
with more people

16



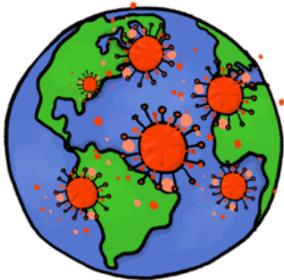
For more information

19

Introduction



These are the Government's new rules to keep people safe from **COVID-19**.



COVID-19 is a new illness that is spreading around the world. It can affect your lungs and breathing.



The new rules start on Wednesday, 2 December 2020.



We are putting each area of England into 1 of 3 **tiers**. A **tier** is a level.

Different rules apply to each of the 3 tiers.



All 3 tiers will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The 3 tiers



Why have tiers?

Different areas of England have different levels of COVID-19.



COVID-19 spreads when people mix with each other.



We need to stop people mixing in areas where there is a lot of COVID-19.



But we can let people meet up more in areas where there is not so much COVID-19.



Which tier are you in

You can find out which tier you are in by going to:

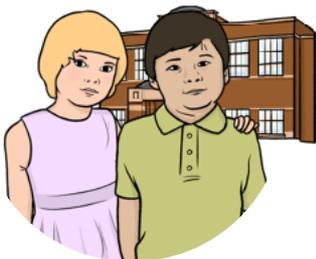
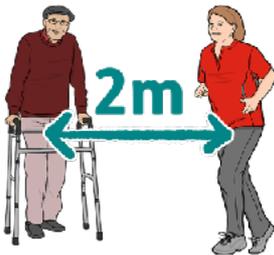
www.gov.uk/list-of-tiers-by-area

All tiers



Across all 3 tiers, you:

- must wear a face covering in most indoor public places
- should keep 2 metres apart when you meet someone who doesn't live with you
- should walk or cycle where possible. If not, you should try to travel when it is not busy.



Children and young people should go to school or college as normal, unless they have been told to stay at home.



Schools, universities, colleges and nurseries should be open.



Care homes

You can visit someone in a care home.

You may be offered a test for COVID-19 when you visit the care home.



Rules

There are rules for services, businesses or **venues** that are open.

A **venue** is a place where people meet up to do something - like a concert hall.



Work

Everyone should work from home if they can.

If you can't work from home, you can travel to the place where you work.

Tier 1: Medium alert



In tier 1:

- you must not meet up in groups of more than 6 people



- most businesses can be open



- pubs, cafés and restaurants must:
 - only serve people sitting at a table
 - close at 11pm
 - stop taking orders at 10pm.



- you can carry on buying food and drink to take away after 10pm



- most venues must close by 11pm



- a certain number of people can go to outdoor or indoor events



- a certain number of people can go and watch sport



- places of worship can be open. If you go to a place of worship, you cannot mix in a group of more than 6 people



- weddings and funerals can go ahead. Only a certain number of people can go



- You can take part in sports or exercise classes outdoors



- you can take part in sports or exercise classes indoors in a group of up to 6 people



- you can travel to another area, but you must follow the rules for the area you go to.

Tier 2: High alert

In tier 2:



- you must not meet up indoors with anyone who is not in your **household** or **support bubble**.



A **household** means people that live together in the same house.



A **support bubble** is where a single person joins with people from another household.



- you must not meet up with a group of more than 6 people outside



- most businesses can be open



- pubs and bars must close unless they are serving main meals



- places that sell food or drink must:
 - only serve people sitting at a table
 - close at 11pm
 - stop taking orders at 10pm.



- you can carry on buying food and drink to take away after 10pm



- most venues must close by 11pm



- a certain number of people can go to outdoor or indoor events



- a certain number of people can go and watch sport



- **places of worship** can be open. If you go to a place of worship, you can only mix with people in your household or support bubble

A **place of worship** is a church, temple or mosque.



- weddings and funerals can go ahead. Only a certain number of people can go



- you can take part in sports or exercise classes outdoors



- you can take part in sports or exercise classes indoors if you only mix with people in your household or bubble



- you can travel to another area, but if you go to a tier 1 area, you must still follow the rules for tier 2.

Don't go into a tier 3 area unless you have to.

Tier 3: Very high alert

In tier 3:



- you must not meet up indoors or most outdoor places with anyone who is not in your household or support bubble



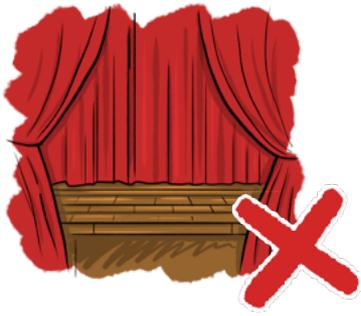
- you must not meet up with a group of more than 6 people outside



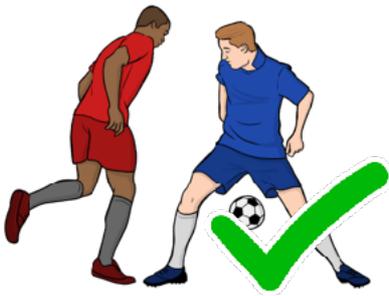
- pubs, bars, cafés and restaurants must close. They can sell food and drink as a takeaway



- hotels, bed and breakfasts and campsites must close



- indoor venues and tourist places must close



- leisure and sports places can stay open



- you can't go and watch sport or shows



- places of worship can be open. If you go to a place of worship, you can only mix with people in your household or support bubble



- weddings and funerals can go ahead. Only a certain number of people can go



- you can take part in sports or exercise classes outdoors



- indoor sports or exercise classes are not allowed



- you can travel to places that are open, but you should reduce the number of times you travel



- you should not travel to another part of the UK.

Where you are allowed to meet up with more people



You are allowed to meet up with more than 6 people:

- if they are all part of your household or support bubble



- to do voluntary work for an organisation that is helping people



- to teach or look after children



- for an organised group that meets up to support each other



- so that children who are being looked after by the local council can meet their parents



- so that children can see a parent that doesn't live with them



- so that a child can meet a family that might start to look after them



- to help someone to give birth



- to go to a funeral



- to see someone at the end of their life



- to go to a wedding



- to help in an emergency



- to stay safe



- to do something the law says you have to do



- to care for someone who can't look after themselves



- to move home.

For more information



If you need more information please go to:

www.gov.uk/coronavirus