

Government Guidance The Roadmap to Easing Restrictions – Step 3 & 4



Link – Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021>

Link – Legislation

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/364/contents/made>



Tests & Steps

The 4 Tests

- The coronavirus vaccine programme continues to go to plan.
- Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently reducing the number of people dying or needing hospital treatment.
- Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospital admissions.
- New variants of the virus do not fundamentally change the risk of lifting.

The 4 Steps

Step 1 - 8th March & 29th March ✓

Step 2 - 12th April ✓

Step 3 - 17th May ✓

Step 4 - 21st June

5 Week Gap between Steps

4 weeks data collection + 1 weeks notice.



Step 3 – 17th May

- **Controlled indoor events** can take place with up to 50% capacity.
- **Hospitality settings will be able to open** in accordance with the “rule of 6”, so community cafes, coffee mornings and social clubs can take place.
- **Film shows, plays, concerts and sports matches** can take place, subject to social distancing & capacity.
- **Indoor sports activities**, including exercise classes, table tennis, badminton can take place. Subject to social distancing & capacity.
- **Up to 30 people** will be able to attend weddings, receptions, funerals and wakes. Christenings and bar mitzvahs will be allowed.
- **Organised outdoor entertainment** can take place.
- **Support Groups** – Up to 30. Subject to social distancing & capacity.
- ❖ Outdoor Activities - The "rule of six" has been replaced with a limit of 30 people.
- ❖ Indoor Activities - The “rule of 6” / 2 households – “no mingling”.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#may-whats-changed>



Step 4 – 21st June - *under review*

- All legal limits on *social contact are removed*. Outdoor events with more than 30 people can take place.
- Dancing is permitted.
- Restrictions on numbers at weddings and funerals are abolished.

“We must carry on with ‘hands, face, space’.

Comply with the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place. Meet outdoors when we can and keep letting fresh air in.

Get tested when needed. Get vaccinated when offered.”



REOPENING

- Be Cautious – plan, but make sure you have “delay” built in.
- [Risk Assessments](#) – all measures previously needed are still needed. Get advice & apply for funding for PPE etc..
- Check all H&S requirements, insurance, fire safety risk assessments are up to date.
- Test, Trace & Isolate will still need attendance/booking details.
- Handwashing, masks and social distancing all still apply.
- Check capacity limits & look out for updates – there will be changes!

Resources Available:

[DCA Website](#), revisit previous [reopening guidance](#) and [Webinars](#). [Reopening Guidance from ACRE](#) – Appendix A reopening checklist. HSE latest Guidance -

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.htm>



Analysis of Risk – Community Buildings

Venues which are less closely packed, well ventilated and visited infrequently by smaller numbers of people are less likely to be involved in Covid 19 transmission.

Actions to minimise transition:

- Reduce close proximity, duration, and frequency of contact and community prevalence.
- Avoid poorly ventilated and crowded indoor settings.
- As community businesses reopen, prevention measures should be emphasized
- Limit building occupancy, improve ventilation, prioritize outdoor seating,
- Enforce correct mask wearing and physical distancing,
- Staying home when ill
- Encourage COVID-19 vaccination to reduce transmission on site and within the community.



Risk Assessment Links

ACRE – Covid-19 Reopening Guidance

- <https://acre.org.uk/cms/resources/re-opening-information-sheet-v.9-26-march-2021-final.pdf>
- <https://acre.org.uk/cms/resources/appendix-d-activities-table-26.3.21.pdf>
- <https://acre.org.uk/cms/resources/appendix-f-risk-assessment-for-hall-committees-26th-march-2021.docx>
- <https://acre.org.uk/cms/resources/appendix-g-risk-assessment-for-hall-hirers-26th-march-2021.docx>
- <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/assets/docs/risk-assessment.pdf>

Example of Workplace Assessment which has been reviewed:

- <https://www.ashfield.gov.uk/media/narhtn0k/web-version-adc-workplace-covid-19-secure-risk-assessment-v8-april-2021.pdf>



Covid 19 Symptoms and Events

You will make sure that everyone likely to attend your activity or event understands that they MUST NOT DO SO if they or anyone in their household has had COVID-19 symptoms in the last 48 hours; has tested positive for the virus; or is required to self-isolate for any other reason.

You must use the NHS – QR Code :

<https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster>

You must offer a paper sign-in (& keep records of staff/vols):

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/maintaining-records-of-staff-customers-and-visitors-to-support-nhs-test-and-trace>



Support Available

Suicide Prevention Training Free and available online

An introductory training module:

[We need to talk about suicide](#) is available on e-learning for health, you can log in if you want to track your learning but you do not need to. (2hrs)

Mental Health Training Free and available online

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Academy have produced a range of courses to teach you about Mental Health and how to support others who may be experiencing mental health issues.

<https://www.skillsandlearningace.com/mental-health-and-wellbeing-academy/>



Support Available – Organisations

✓ Job Retention Scheme

- Must be employed before 30th October
- Open to employees not previously furloughed
- Until September 2021

✓ Extension of the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme

✓ Financial support if you're off work because of coronavirus



Covid Restart Grant for Businesses

- The Restart Grant is a one-off grant for business ratepayers from April 2021, to support reopening safely as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- The grant payment amount depends on the type of business and the rateable value of each business.

Who is included (Leisure)

- Bingo halls, cinemas, museums and art galleries, theatres, conference centres, exhibition centres including for use as banquet halls and other events, wedding venues, events venues, heritage railways, public halls, night clubs & discotheques, tourist attractions, soft play centres or areas, indoor riding centres, clubs & institutions, village halls & scout huts, cadet huts etc.



How to Apply

You are eligible and don't need to apply if:

- you are a business ratepayer on the ratings list, and you have already received the Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB) (Closed) Addendum grant for 16 February to 31 March 2021, and
- you are one of the [eligible businesses](#)
- If you do not automatically receive a Restart Grant, it may be because you are not one of the eligible businesses.

You should apply if:

- you did not received the LRSB (Closed) Addendum grant for 16 February to 31 March 2021 but are on the list of eligible businesses.
- you received the LRSB (Closed) Addendum grant but do not automatically receive a Restart Grant and think you are on the list of [eligible businesses](#)
- Applications must be submitted by 30 June 2021. Details of how to apply are available here - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/emergencies/coronavirus/business-and-employers/business-grants/coronavirus-restart-grant-for-businesses.aspx#eligibility>



Health Inequalities & COVID-19



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Learning Disability

- [Deaths of people identified as having learning disabilities with COVID-19 in England in the Spring of 2020](#)
- The death rate 4.1 times higher for people with a learning disability than the general population.
- But as not all deaths in people with learning difficulties are registered on these databases, researchers estimated the real rate may have been as high as, **6.3 times higher**.
- Deaths were also spread much more widely across the age spectrum among people with learning disabilities, with far greater mortality rates in younger adults, compared to the general population. The death rate for people aged 18 to 34 with learning disabilities was **30 times higher** than the rate in the same age group without disabilities, researchers found.



Ethnicity

Figure 1: Males of Black African ethnic background had the highest rate of death involving COVID-19, 2.7 times higher than males of White ethnic background

Age-standardised rates of death involving the coronavirus (COVID-19) among males aged 9 years and over by ethnic group, England and Wales, deaths occurring between 2 March and 28 July 2020 and registered by 24 August 2020

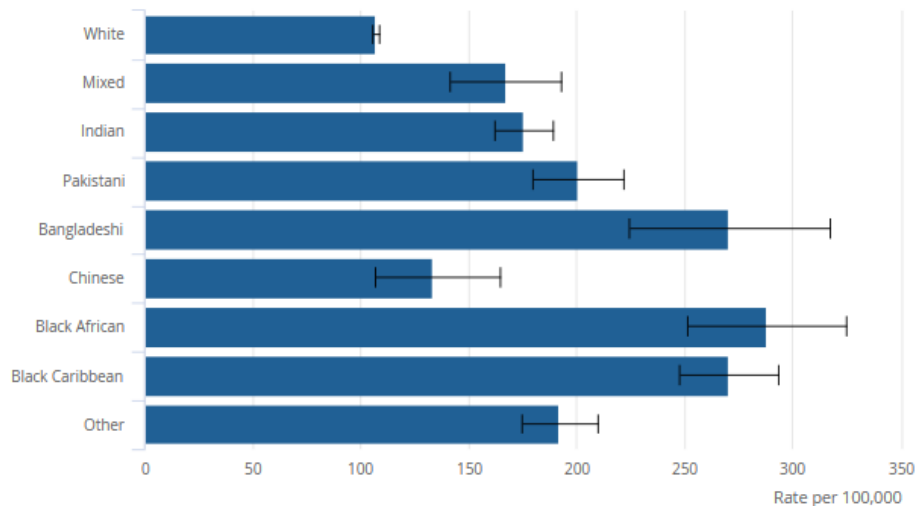
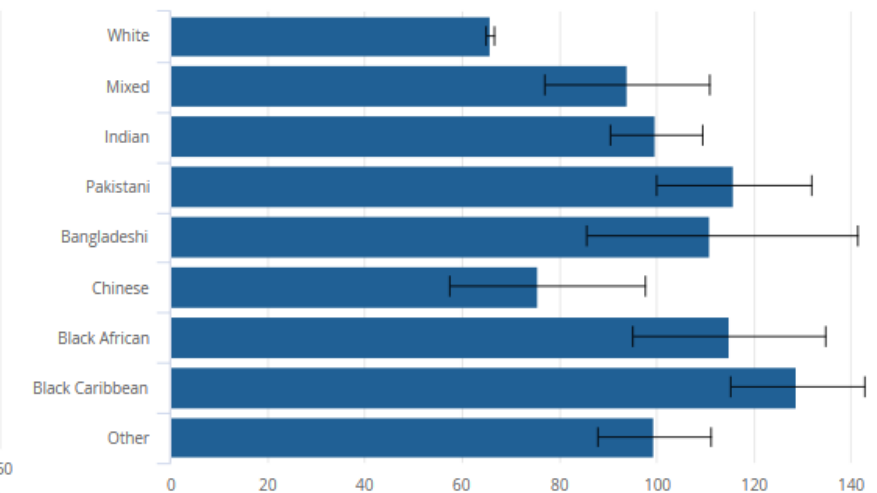


Figure 2: Females of Black Caribbean ethnic background had the highest rate of death involving COVID-19, 2.0 times higher than females of White ethnic background

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(ONS – 2021)



Severe Mental Illness

- Individuals with severe mental illness have a **2-3 times higher** mortality rate than the general population.
- Individuals with severe mental illness are also more likely to be hospitalised due to Covid-19 infection.
- Individuals in psychiatric institutions also have a higher risk of serious illness from Covid-19.

(Lancet 2021).



Vaccination Hesitancy

- More than 4 in 10 (44%) Black or Black British Adults reported vaccine confidence hesitancy.
- Disabled adults are more likely to be worried about “effects on existing health conditions” (26%), than non-disabled adults (6%)
- Adults with an underlying health condition are also more likely to be worried about these effects (34%) compared to those without (8%)

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Getting Involved

If you think a group you support would be interested then we would love to hear from you:

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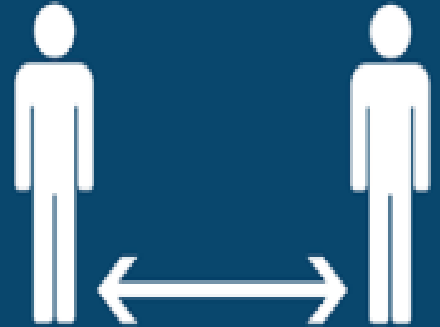




hands



face



space



fresh air



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