

Lockdown2

Government Guidance

Update

Links – Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

Link – Regulations

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1200/pdfs/uksi_20201200_en.pdf

Closure of, restrictions on, businesses

(9) A person who is responsible for a community centre or hall must ensure that the community centre or hall is closed except where it is used—

- (a) to provide essential voluntary activities or urgent public support services (including the provision of food banks or other support for the homeless or vulnerable people, blood donation sessions or support in an emergency),
- (b) for the purposes of education or training,
- (c) for the purposes of **support groups**, or
- (d) for the purposes of—
 - (i) childcare provided by a person registered under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006, or
 - (ii) supervised activities for children

Exceptions in relation to gatherings

Exception 5: support groups

- (i) is of a support group,
- (ii) consists of no more than 15 persons, and
- (iii) takes place at premises other than a private dwelling, and
 - (b) it is reasonably necessary for members of the group to be physically present at the gathering.

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(8) For the purposes of paragraph (6), “support group” means a group or one to one support which is organised by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support to its members or those who attend its meetings, for example those providing support—

- (a) to victims of crime (including domestic abuse);
- (b) to those with, or recovering from, addictions (including alcohol, narcotics or other substance addictions) or addictive patterns of behaviour;
- (c) to new parents;
- (d) to those with, or caring for persons with, any long-term illness or terminal condition or who are vulnerable;
- (e) to those facing issues related to their sexuality or identity including those living as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender;
- (f) to those who have suffered bereavement;
- (g) to vulnerable young people

Exceptions in relation to gatherings

Exception 2: gatherings necessary for certain purposes

(3) Exception 2 is that the gathering is reasonably necessary—

- (a) for work purposes or for the provision of voluntary or charitable services;
- (b) for the purposes of education or training;
- (c) to provide emergency assistance;
- (d) to enable one or more persons in the gathering to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm;
- (e) to provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person, including relevant personal care within the meaning of paragraph 7(3B) of Schedule 4 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006(a);
- (f) to facilitate a house move.

SCHEDULE

Regulations 15(7), 16(4) and 18(1)

Businesses subject to restrictions
or closure, or permitted to remain
open

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable

There is a further group of people who are defined, also on medical grounds, as [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) to coronavirus – that is, people with specific serious health conditions. Over this period, we are advising the clinically extremely vulnerable to work from home. If you cannot work from home, you are advised not to go to work and may be eligible for Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) or Employment Support Allowance (ESA). You are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible, but are encouraged to go outside for exercise. The [full guidance](#) is available and the Government will write to everybody who is clinically extremely vulnerable to set out detailed advice while the new restrictions are in place.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support> - link to register for support

Registering for support

If you need additional help to follow this guidance, your local council may be able to help. You can register yourself or someone else for the [new online service](#) to:

- request access to a priority supermarket delivery slot (if you have already got priority supermarket deliveries, you will keep them)
- tell your council if you need support to follow this guidance, especially if you are unable to arrange this yourself or with the help of friends, family or other support networks
- make sure your details, such as your address, are up to date
- You can register now and will be asked for your NHS number. You can find it on any letter the NHS has sent you, or on a prescription. It is helpful if you register even if you do not have any support needs at this time. You can log in and update your needs if circumstances change at any time.
- If you need to register your needs by phone, or have an urgent need, contact Dorset Council - 01305 212000
- Find out what [help you might be able to get from your local council](#).

Financial Support

- Workers in any part of the UK can retain their job, even if their employer cannot afford to pay them, and be paid at least 80% of their salary up to £2500 a month.
- The flexibility of the current CJRS will be retained to allow employees to continue to work where they can. Employers small or large, charitable or non-profit are eligible and because more businesses will need to close, they will now be asked to pay just National Insurance and Pensions contributions for their staff during the month of November.

Wherever you live, you may be able to get financial help through the:

- [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#)
- [Job Support Scheme](#) (from 1st November)
- [New Style Employment and Support Allowance](#)

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/work/coronavirus-being-furloughed-if-you-cant-work/>

Local Support

- Age UK Help and support - 01305 269444
- Volunteer Centre Dorset - 01305 269214
- Citizen's Advice helpline - 0344 411 1444
- Helpandkindness.co.uk
- DCA Supporting your group 01202 847610
- Community Response -Dorset Council
01305 212000