

Government Guidance The Roadmap to Easing Restrictions – Step 3



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 1 – March

8th March

- All schools will open, so schools can use village halls.
- Outdoor after-school sports, activities and wraparound childcare allowing parents to work or undertake training will be allowed.
- **2 people will be able to meet recreationally in outdoor public spaces**, recreation ground/park and sit down for a coffee, drink or picnic.

29th March

- **Outdoor gatherings** - 6 people or 2 households allowed – the “rule of 6”.
- **Outdoor sports** facilities such as tennis, bowls or basketball courts can reopen.
- **Outdoors, organised adult and children’s sport**, e.g., grassroots football
- **Outdoors, organised activities for children** can take place e.g., brownies etc. Children = under 18 on the 31st August 2020.
- **Outdoors, parent and child groups** can meet with up to 15 attending, plus under-fives.
- **Out of school children’s settings** will be able to accept all children.



Step 2 – 12th April

- **COMMUNITY BUILDINGS – Be Aware there are still limits** and Social Activity is still not permitted.
- **Food and alcohol can be served to those seated in outdoor settings**, or as takeaways, alcohol served without the need for a meal.
- **Indoor gyms** can re-open, but **not** exercise classes.
- **Funerals** can take place with up to 30 people; **wakes and weddings** will be allowed up to 15 guests. (Restaurants and hotels will not yet be open).
- **All indoor children’s activities can open**, including dance classes, musical activities, cubs, scouts, brownies. Children = under 18 on 31 August 2020.
- **Parent and child groups can open indoors**, e.g., parent and toddlers, with up to 15 attending plus under-fives (who are not counted).
- **Non-essential retail** can re-open e.g., hairdressers, **charity shops**.
- **Outdoor gatherings or events** organised by a business, charity, public body or similar organisation, can be held under Covid-19 secure conditions, enabling a village fete or spectators at a sports match, subject to the “rule of 6”. **Guidance:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-organised-events-guidance-for-local-authorities/coronavirus-covid-19-organised-events-guidance-for-local-authorities>



Step 2 – 12th April

The social contact rules will continue to apply in all settings - meaning social distancing (2m or 1m with risk mitigation) must be maintained, no indoor mixing allowed between different households.

Government guidance issued on 25th February on [re-opening businesses and venues in England](#) states:

“indoor events that bring people together - even if they do not mix with other households - must not run until Step 3. This is only permitted if there is an explicit exemption - this includes support groups, supervised activities for children, parent-and-child groups (up to 15 people, not counting those aged under five), communal worship, or a wedding, reception or commemorative event like a wake.”

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



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>



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.



Guidance - Links

1. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>
2. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-volunteering>
3. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>
4. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/restaurants-offering-takeaway-or-delivery>
5. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/offices-and-contact-centres>
6. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/heritage-locations>
7. <https://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/risk-assessment-template-and-examples.htm>
8. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>



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>



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.”



Testing & Vaccinations



Getting Tested

- ✓ Regular rapid coronavirus tests are now available if you do not have symptoms.
- ✓ Why you should get tested regularly
 - About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still infect others.
 - Getting tested regularly is the only way to know if you have the virus. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.
 - [Register to order rapid lateral flow tests for your employees/volunteers](#)



Getting Tested

How to get regular rapid tests:

Go to a test site

- You can go to a rapid lateral flow test site to get a rapid test.
- If you go to a test site: you may need an appointment, so check before you go. You'll get a text or email with the result when it's ready
- [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site](#)

Get a test to do at home

- You can get rapid tests to do at home.
- You can collect up to 2 packs of 7 tests from a local pharmacy or test site:
[find a pharmacy where you can collect rapid tests](#)
[find a test site where you can collect rapid tests](#)
- You can get a pack of 7 tests sent to your home. [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits on GOV.UK](#)
- You will need to report your results online or on the phone.



Getting Vaccinated

- Everybody in cohorts 1 to 9 – those aged 40 and over, the clinically vulnerable and health and social care workers – has been offered a vaccine.
- People aged **36+** in England can now book appointments through the [NHS booking service](#).
- The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has published its [final advice on phase 2](#) yesterday, which the government has accepted. People will be invited to receive their vaccines in order of age over the coming weeks and months.

<https://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/vaccinations/languages/>



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 receive 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 will be available on - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/emergencies/coronavirus/business-and-employers/business-grants/coronavirus-restart-grant-for-businesses.aspx#eligibility>



Local Support

- **Local Community Support Groups –**
www.helpandkindness.co.uk
- Age UK Help and support - 01305 269444
- Volunteer Centre Dorset - 01305 269214
- Citizen's Advice helpline - 0800 144 88 48
- DCA Supporting your group 01202 847610
- Community Response -Dorset Council
01305 212000
- Dorset Digital Champions - 01305 221048

See handout – *Quick Fixes to Speed up Broadband*

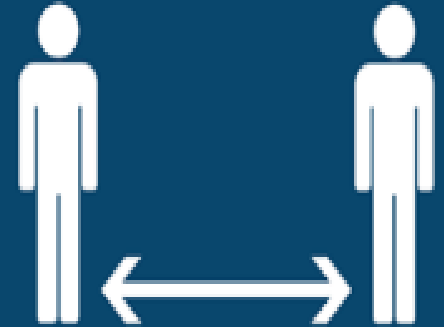




hands



face



space



fresh air



for Dorset

DCA Top 5 Funding Updates

19th May 2021



**Dorset
Community
Action**



1. [The Nationwide Building Society Community Grants Programme](#)

Grants up to £50,000 over 2 years for local housing projects across the UK that support people in housing need.

Application deadline: midnight on Thursday 17 June 2021.

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 over 2 years are available for local housing projects that will:

- Help people into a home.
- Prevent people from losing their home, and
- Support people to thrive within the home environment.

2. [Local School Grants to Support Learning in Nature](#)

Funding is available for schools in England, Scotland and Wales to fund outdoor learning training and equipment.

The Learning through Landscapes Local School Nature Grants Programme, supported by the People's Postcode Lottery, is providing support to schools and early years settings to enhance learning training for staff and purchase equipment.

The fund has 2 elements:-

- Fully funded outdoor learning training for staff.
- £500 of equipment for outdoor learning

Round Deadlines - 23rd June / 3rd Sept / 12th Nov



3. The Hilden Charitable Fund Summer Play Scheme Grants

Grants of between £500 and £1,500 are available to UK voluntary and community groups to help run summer play schemes for disadvantaged children.

Application deadline: **Monday 24 May 2021 at midday (12 noon).**

The fund is only available to Social Farms and Gardens members. However, membership is free and [available on the SF&G website](#).

Eligible play schemes must meet the following criteria.

- Be a local scheme lasting for 2-6 weeks.
- Be for children aged 5-18 years, and
- Demonstrate strong volunteer support.

4. Co-op Local Community Fund Opens for Applications

Funding for projects which benefit local communities centred around Co-op food stores and funeral homes across the UK and Isle of Man.

This year's funding is for projects that:

- Enable people to access food and co-operate together to feed everyone.
- Help improve people's mental wellbeing.
- Offer young people opportunities to develop new skills and make a difference in their community

There is no set minimum or maximum grants.

Co-op will select up to three projects to support in each community over the next giving period (usually 12 months, but it can vary). Co-op members choose which project they want to support in their community.

The deadline for applications is 30 May 2021 (midnight).



5. Dorset Community Foundation

Is pleased to launch its second funding programme in partnership with Wessex Water, aiming to support local initiatives that improve the local environment.

[The Wessex Water Environment Fund](#) supports charitable and community activities which improve the local environment and have a positive impact on the quality of life for the local area. Grants are targeted at organisations where a small amount of money can make a significant difference.

Applications must demonstrate one of more of the following outcomes:

- Involves communities in environmental activities that benefit the local area
- Has a positive impact on the local environment
- Shares learning about the local environment with others

Deadline midnight 4th June 2021

