

Highlights for Community Facilities regarding the update to Covid restrictions from 2nd December

This document is a very brief overview of the new tier restrictions that come into force on 2nd December. For additional detail please see the accompanying update and follow any relevant links;

Much of the updated information relates to the new tier restrictions so the following is a much abridged version;

Update to local tier restrictions (In force from 2nd December)

Across all tiers, everyone:

- must [wear a face covering](#) in most indoor public settings, unless they have an exemption

All businesses and venues that are open are expected to follow [COVID-19 secure guidelines](#) to protect customers, visitors and workers. In all tiers, the following businesses and venues can remain open:

- certain leisure and sporting facilities such as gyms, sports courts and facilities, leisure centres, fitness and dance studios,
- outdoor playgrounds – subject to relevant [social contact rules](#) in each tier.
- Indoor group activities and classes should not take place at tier 3
- public buildings, such as libraries, community centres and halls. ***They should not host events for private hire, such as birthday parties or most other social activities in tier 3***

In Tier 2:

- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a [COVID-Secure](#) manner
- hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:
 - provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
 - close between 11pm and 5am
 - stop taking orders after 10pm
- hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm
- public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to [social contact rules](#) and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there

- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing

In Tier 3:

- hospitality settings, are closed – they are permitted to continue sales by takeaway, click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services.
- indoor entertainment and tourist venues must close.
- indoor attractions at mostly outdoor entertainment venues must also close (public toilets at such attractions can remain open).
- leisure and sports facilities may continue to stay open, but group exercise classes (including fitness and dance) should not go ahead.
- there should be no public attendance at spectator sport or indoor performances and large business events should not be taking place.
- large outdoor events (performances and shows) should not take place
- places of worship remain open, but you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there
- [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue, however higher-risk contact activity should not take place
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes cannot take place indoors. There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s

Exemptions from gatherings limits in all tiers

- as part of a single household, or a [support bubble](#)
- for work or providing voluntary or charitable services
- for childcare, formal education or training
- for supervised activities provided for children, including wraparound care (before and after-school childcare), groups and activities for under 18s, and children's playgroups
- for formal support groups, and parent and child groups – up to 15 people aged 5 and older
- to allow contact between birth parents and children in care, as well as between siblings in care
- to attend a funeral – with no more than 30 people present – or a commemorative event such as a wake for someone who has died – with no more than 15 people present
- to attend a wedding or civil partnership – with no more than 15 people present
- to provide care or assistance to someone vulnerable or to provide respite for a carer