



THE COAL MINING CHARITY

COVID-19 - What the new rules mean for your venue - Updated 24th September 2020

Who can meet?

- In England groups of up to 6 people from multiple households can meet together. This rule applies to meetings both indoors and outdoors.
- In Scotland a maximum of 6 people from two households can meet together in venues, either indoors or outdoors. If children aged under 12 are part of the two households, they will not count towards the limit of 6 people.
- In Wales, up to 4 households can join together to form an “extended household” meaning all the people in each of these households become one extended household for the purpose of COVID-19 restrictions. Up to 6 people can meet inside but all must belong to the same extended household group. Children under the age of 11 will not be counted. Up to 30 people can meet outdoors, but people should continue to maintain physical distancing from people outside their household or extended household.

Can venues stay open?

Yes, venues following [COVID-19 secure guidelines](#) can host more than 6 people in total but no one should visit or socialise in a group of more than 6. It is also important that each group remains socially distanced from other groups. Clubs and Community facilities will be allowed to stay open so long as these groups do not mingle with other groups at each venue.

You **must** implement the following measures;

- Table service only including the ordering and serving of food and drink
- Venues must only open between 5am and 10pm
- Venues must be closed and vacated by 10pm i.e. last orders before 10pm.

Further information on COVID-19 secure guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Specific rules for weddings and funerals

Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies and receptions are restricted to a maximum of 15 people (down from 30). Further guidance for weddings and civil partnerships is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-small-marriages-and-civil-partnerships>

Other significant standalone life events are subject to the ‘rule of six’ limits, except funerals (from 28 September). Further guidance for funerals is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-a-funeral-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-a-funeral-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

Social Distancing

Social distancing across the UK is officially 2 metres with the following exceptions:


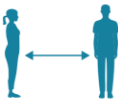

- In England people can be "1m plus" if they, for instance, wear a face covering or don't sit face-to-face
- In Wales, the requirement only applies to those over the age of 11
- In Scotland, stay at least 1 metre apart from anyone outside your household

Clubs and Community facilities can keep individual groups closer than 2m if they take certain steps to keep customers safe such as erecting screens between tables. Frequent handwashing should still be encouraged and the use of one way systems etc should remain in place where possible.

Face Coverings

- Customers/visitors **must** wear face coverings inside your venue, except when seated at a table to eat or drink.
- Staff are now required to wear face coverings.
- People who are already exempt from the existing face covering obligations, such as because of an underlying health condition, are exempt from these new obligations.

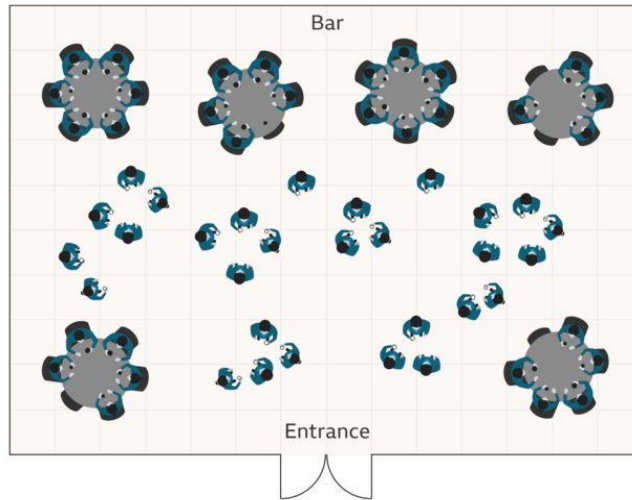
Rules and guidance on meeting up

	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
 <p>How many people outdoors?</p>	Six from multiple households	Up to six aged 12+ from two households No household limit for groups of six aged 12 to 18	Up to 30 outdoors	Six from two households in a private garden Up to 15 people in public spaces
 <p>At what distance?</p>	1m 'plus'	2m apart (less in some premises)	2m apart – age 11+ only (less in some premises)	2m apart
 <p>Indoors</p>	Six from multiple households	No social visits to private homes Up to six aged 12+ from two households at other venues	Four households can form one 'extended household' - maximum of six aged 11+ together at one time	No social visits to private homes Up to 15 people at other venues

How social distancing reduces capacity

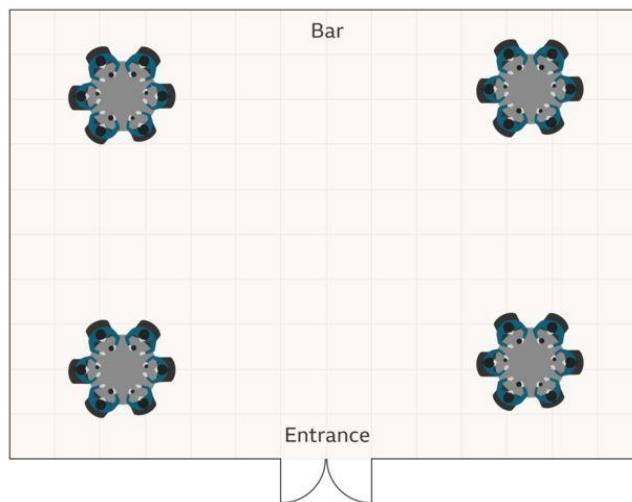
1. Pub with no social distancing

No maximum capacity - 60 people shown occupying 150 sq metres



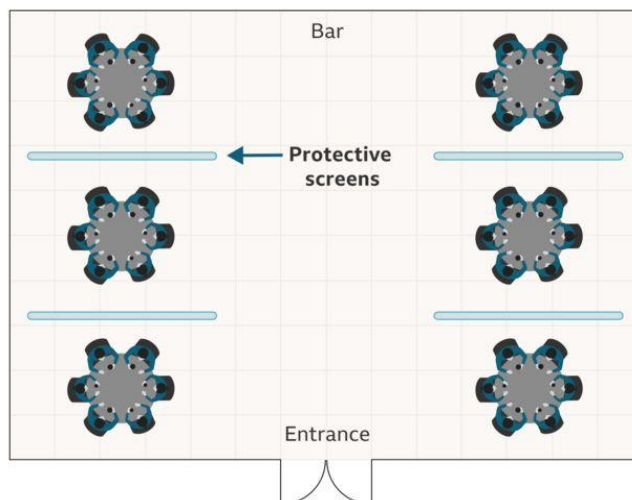
2. Two metre social distancing imposed

With table service and walkways for staff. Maximum of 24 people could be seated. Actual capacity will be lower because of smaller groups and solo customers



3. One metre social distancing

Maximum 36 people can be seated - but actual capacity will be lower because of smaller groups and solo customers



Test and Trace

PLEASE NOTE - Hospitality businesses are now legally required to take customers' contact details so they can be traced if a potential outbreak is linked to the venue.

Recording contact details

In England and Wales;

- The new preferred method for collecting contact details is for customers/visitors to your venue to scan a QR code when they enter the venue using the NHS COVID-19 App.
- To implement this system the venue needs to create a QR code on this web page - <https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster>
- Print and display the QR code at the entrance to your venue and consider placing it in other areas such as next to the bar or on notice boards around your venue.

If you don't have access to a printer please inform your usual CISWO contact.

In Scotland;

- People living in Scotland are asked to download the Protect Scotland app from NHS Scotland's Test and Protect. The app automatically notifies someone if they have been within close proximity of another person who has tested positive for coronavirus.

What if a customer/visitor doesn't have the NHS COVID-19 App or Protect Scotland App?

Venues can still record contact details on paper when entering the venue. Contact details can also be recorded when taking bookings over the phone or online (where this is relevant).

What contact details do venues need to record?

- Venues only need to record the date, name, phone number, arrival time, and departure time (if possible). We have created a template for you to use if required.
- Contact details only need to be taken from one person in a group
- The details must be kept for 21 days
- Businesses must also keep records of staff working patterns for periods of 21 days

Fines for non-compliance

Businesses can be fined if they take reservations of more than six, do not enforce social distancing or do not take customers' contact details. Please be aware of the implications for non-compliance.

Positive Testing

Q. If a customer tests positive, will the venue have to close?

A. Possibly, but not necessarily.

Official government advice says an NHS Test and Trace call does not always mean a venue must close. It depends on the circumstances and when the infected person visited.

NHS Test and Trace could ask your staff to:

- get tested for Covid-19
- take extra care with social distancing
- self-isolate "in some circumstances"

However, local health protection officials do have the power to close establishments.

Is it safe to go to the club or community centre?

Government guidance has been issued in on measures that pubs and community venues must take to keep customers and staff safe. This can be found at:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5eb96e8e86650c278b077616/working-safely-during-covid-19-restaurants-pubs-takeaways-100920.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

Local lockdowns and restrictions

Areas under "local lockdown" due to high coronavirus rates may have additional rules. Always check if there are any specific rules laid down by your local authority or from central government. This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-restrictions-areas-with-an-outbreak-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

Further help and guidance

Please contact your usual CISWO contact for any help and advice:

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