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## Covid-19 Guidance

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## Updated Covid-19 Guidance - July 2021

### England

From Monday 19 July 2021 England will enter Step 4 and SIBA has provided a summary of the changes below. Please also refer to the Government's guidance:

- For pubs, bars and takeaway services - [link](#)
- For brewery premises - [link](#)
- For shops - [link](#)

#### Priority actions

The Government has identified six steps you need to take:

1. Complete a health and safety risk assessment – you must complete a suitable and sufficient risk assessment and put in place sufficient control measures to manage the risk.
2. Provide adequate ventilation – ensuring there is a supply of fresh air to indoor spaces. Any poorly ventilated areas should be identified and take steps to improve air flows.
3. Clean more often – clean surfaces and ask customers and staff to wash their hands or use hand sanitiser frequently.
4. Turn away people with Covid-19 symptoms – staff and customers should self-isolate if they have symptoms, have a positive test result or have been told to by NHS Test and Trace.
5. Enable people to check in at your venue – you are encouraged to display the NHS QR code poster but are not legally required to do so.
6. Communicate and train – keep staff and customers updated.

#### Risk assessment

You must continue to complete a suitable and sufficient risk assessment and put in place sufficient control measures to manage the risk. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has [tools to support you](#).

You do not have to write anything down if you have fewer than 5 workers or are self-employed, but you still may find it useful to do so. You also have a legal duty to consult workers on health and safety measures.

To reduce the risk, the Government asks that you consider:

1. Providing adequate ventilation
2. Identify any poorly ventilated areas and improve air flows
3. Encourage the use of outside space where practical
4. Put measures in place to reduce contact between people
5. Encourage use of face coverings in enclosed and crowded spaces but from Step 4 there is no longer a legal requirement for this in hospitality venues
6. Advising customers and workers to wash their hands or use hand sanitiser frequently
7. Maintaining regular cleaning of surfaces

#### NHS Test and Trace

- Venues are encouraged to display the NHS QR code poster but are not legally required to do so.
- Venues are asked to consider the use of the NHS Covid Pass, which allows people to demonstrate they have been vaccinated, had a test or proof of natural immunity.

## Frequently asked questions

### Do customers have to provide contact details for NHS Test and Trace?

You are no longer required to display the Test and Trace details or collect customer contact information. However, you may wish to continue to use this after 19 July.

### Do customers have to wear face masks?

Customers no longer must wear face coverings from 19 July. You may wish to continue to ask customers to wear them on your premises.

### Is table service still required / can we offer bar service?

No table service is no longer required, and you can serve people at the bar.

### What is the size limit for groups?

There are no limits on group sizes at Step 4.

## Scotland

From Monday 19 July 2021 Scotland moves to [Level 0](#) and SIBA has provided a summary of the changes below. Please also refer to the [Government's guidance](#).

- Physical distancing reduced to 1m
- Informal gatherings of up to 15 people from 15 households outdoors
- Gatherings up to 10 people from 4 households indoors with 1m distancing
- Under 12s no longer count together household numbers
- Pubs and bars can open until midnight (licensing permitting)
- Customers no longer required to pre-book a two-hour slot
- Customers still required to provide contact details for Test and Protect

A further update will be provided before the 9 August 2021 with the intention that all major Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted.

## Wales

From Saturday 17 July 2021 Wales will complete the move to [Level 1](#). This will mean that:

- Up to six people can meet indoors in private homes and holiday accommodation.
- The limits on the number of people outdoors are lifted.
- Formal social distancing rules outdoors come to an end
- Organised indoor events for up to 1,000 seated or 200 standing can take place following a risk assessment

From Saturday 7 August 2021 if conditions allow Wales will move to Level 0. This will include:

- Removing legal restrictions on the number of people who can meet indoors
- All businesses and premises can open including nightclubs
- Face coverings will remain a legal requirement indoors with the exception of hospitality premises.

Please also refer to the [Government's guidance](#).



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