
Businesses selling food and drink – Covid19 update

- Businesses selling food or drink (including cafes, bars, pubs and restaurants), social clubs, casinos, bowling alleys, amusement arcades (and other indoor leisure centres or facilities), funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls, must be closed between 10pm and 5am. This will include takeaways but delivery services can continue after 10pm (from 24 September).
- In licensed premises, food and drink must be ordered from, and served at, a table.
- Customers must eat and drink at a table in any premises selling food and drink to consume indoors, on site (from 24 September).
- Businesses will need to display the official NHS QR code posters so that customers can 'check-in' at different premises using this option as an alternative to providing their contact details once the app is rolled out nationally (from 24 September).
- Businesses and organisations will face stricter rules to make their premises COVID Secure (from 28 September):
 - A wider range of leisure and entertainment venues, services provided in community centres, and close contact services will be subject to the COVID-19 Secure requirements in law and fines of up to £10,000 for repeated breaches.
 - Employers must not knowingly require or encourage someone who is being required to self-isolate to come to work.
 - Businesses must remind people to wear face coverings where mandated.

Additionally, hospitality staff will now have to wear face masks while working (previously it was only guidance), and customers will have to wear coverings except for when seated at their table.

As part of what Johnson dubbed "**the rule of six**", pubs and restaurants will only be able to take bookings of up to six people in line with the new rules on social gatherings. The six can be from multiple households. Hospitality venues can have more than six people inside in total, but customers on individual tables must not exceed that number.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us or visit our website for further information.

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