

Updated COVID-19 Rules & Guidelines

For guidance purposes only, we have compiled an updated list (as of 12th January) of Covid-19 restrictions across the four nations as follows:



	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Face Coverings	Mandatory on most public transportation and public indoor settings—with the notable exception of gyms and hospitality venues where food and drink are consumed.	Mandatory on most public transportation and public indoor settings. Hospitality exemptions only apply when eating, drinking, exercising, or when seated at a table.	Mandatory on most public transportation and public indoor settings. People are also being advised to wear masks in crowded outdoor areas. Hospitality exemptions only apply when eating, drinking, exercising, or when seated at a table.	Mandatory on most public transportation and public indoor settings, except places of worship. Hospitality exemptions only apply when eating, drinking, exercising, or when seated at a table.
Social Distancing	No minimum social distancing requirements are in place.	By law, employers must take all reasonable measures to ensure 2 metres social distance. 2 metre social distancing required in all public places and offices.	Businesses are legally required to take reasonable measures to reduce the spread of COVID, this includes the re-introduction of social distancing.	By law, employers must take all reasonable measures to ensure 2 metres social distance.
Social Contact/Gathering	No restrictions.	Limited to six people within hospitality venues.	Limited to three households— use of lateral flow tests advised before meeting.	Limited to three households.
COVID Passports	Over-18s required to prove their vaccine status or show a negative test at most venues over a certain capacity such as nightclubs and other venues	NHS COVID Passes required for entry into most venues and events such as cinema, theatres and concert halls.	Over-18s required to prove their vaccine status (must have three doses) or show a negative test at most venues.	Venues such as bars and cinemas and certain events must adhere to the Covid Certification Scheme.



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Hospitality	No restrictions.	Nightclubs closed. Events and other hospitality venues must take additional measures to protect customers and staff. This includes returning to contact detail collection and table service only and collecting contact details.	Nightclubs closed. Table service is required where alcohol is served. Groups must observe at least 1 metre social distancing. Nicola Sturgeon has announced that she hopes to lift these restrictions from 24 ^h January 2022	Nightclubs closed. Other hospitality venues must return to table service only. Rules limiting the maximum number of people at a table are in place limited to six people or 10 from a single household. Dancing in all hospitality venues is forbidden.
Events	No restrictions.	Outdoor events limited to 50. Indoor events limited to 30.	Outdoor events limited to 500 seated or standing. Indoor events limited to 100 standing or 200 seated. These restrictions will be lifted from 17th January 2022	Large gatherings (30+ people) in a private dwelling are not allowed. Indoor standing events are not allowed. No further restrictions on events so long as organisers have carried out appropriate risk assessments and preventative measures.
Working From Home	If possible, people are advised to work from home if they can.	If reasonably possible, it is a legal requirement for workers to work from home. Employers will be subject to a £1,000 penalty each time their employees break this rule.	It is the legal duty of employers to support working from home wherever possible.	If possible, people are advised to work from home if they can.



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If you are confirmed positive for or have symptoms of COVID-19, you must	Self-isolate for 10 days. You may end isolation early on day 7 if you receive 2 negative lateral flow tests 7 have no temperature on the 6th and 7th day.	Self-isolate for 10 days. Clinically vulnerable people are advised to take a PCR test You may end isolation early on day 7 if you receive 2 negative lateral flow tests & have no symptoms on the 6th and 7th day.	Self-isolate for 10 days. You may end isolation early on day 7 if you receive 2 negative lateral flow tests & have no fever on the 6th and 7th day.	Self-isolate for 10 days. Clinically vulnerable people are advised to take a PCR test. You may end isolation early on day 7 if you receive 2 negative lateral flow tests & have no high temperature on the 6th and 7th day.
If you are fully vaccinated and have come into contact with someone confirmed positive for COVID-19	It is not required to self-isolate as long as you return a negative LFD test result for seven consecutive days, as well as remaining remain asymptomatic throughout.	It is not required to self-isolate as long as you return a negative LFD test result for seven consecutive days and upload all results online, as well as remaining remain asymptomatic throughout.	It is not required to self-isolate as long as you return a negative LFD test result for seven consecutive days, as well as remaining remain asymptomatic throughout.	You are advised to self-isolate and take a LF test. If your result comes back negative, you can stop isolating but must continue to take daily LF tests for 10 consecutive days and remain asymptomatic throughout.
If you are NOT fully vaccinated and have come into contact with someone confirmed positive for COVID-19	You must take daily lateral flow tests for 10 days.	You must self-isolate for 10 days. You should take LFT test on day 2 and day 8 even though you may not have any symptoms.	You must self-isolate for 10 days & and take a PCR test. You must continue to isolate even if you return a negative PCR result.	You must self-isolate for 10 days. You do not need to book a PCR test unless you develop symptoms