

THE ROADMAP FOR LIFTING LOCKDOWN

From Monday 8th March, we'll see COVID-19 restrictions start to lift and the Government's four-step "roadmap" offers a welcome route back to a more normal life.

The ultimate aim is for all restrictions to be lifted, which will happen by Monday 21st June at the very earliest.

Before each step proceeds, four tests must be met:

1. The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.
2. Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.
3. Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.
4. The Government's assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new variants of concern.

STEP 1

From 8 March and 29 March

EDUCATION

8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical higher education courses

SOCIAL CONTACT

8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with your household, support bubble or one other person
- No household mixing indoors
- Care home residents allowed one regular visitor

29 MARCH

- Rule of six or two households outdoors
- No household mixing indoors

BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES

8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent and child groups (max. 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

EVENTS

8 MARCH

- Funerals (30 people)
- Weddings and wakes (6 people)

STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of six or two households outdoors
- No household mixing indoors

BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES

- All shops
- Personal care including, hairdressers and beauty salons
- Libraries and community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure including, gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent and child groups (max. 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30 people)
- Weddings and wakes, receptions (15 people)

STEP 3

No earlier than 17 May

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Maximum 30 people outdoors
- Rule of six or two households indoors (subject to review)

BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES

- Indoor hospitality
- Indoor entertainment and attractions
- Organised indoor sport (adult)
- Remaining accommodation including, hotels and B&Bs
- Remaining outdoor entertainment, including performances

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel (subject to review)

EVENTS

- Most significant life events, like weddings and christenings (30 people)
- Indoor events: 1,000 people or 50% capacity
- Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% capacity
- Outdoor other events: 4,000 people or 50% capacity

STEP 4

No earlier than 21 June (all subject to review)

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- No legal limit

BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES

- Remaining businesses, including nightclubs

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel

EVENTS

- No legal limit on life events
- Larger events

Craig Blundred, Director of Public Health at Hartlepool Borough Council, said: "As we move through each of these phases in the roadmap, we must all remember that COVID-19 remains a part of our lives and we must continue to get tested, and to carry on with practising hands, face, space and letting fresh air in.

"Small steps like this really do help save lives and it is vitally important we all continue to take these basic safety precautions but we need to do it as a collective measure – it is not a case of one or the other."

Denise McGuckin, Managing Director of Hartlepool Borough Council, added: "We welcome this roadmap for lifting lockdown and allowing some normality to return to life.

"It's now vital each and every one of us plays our part by sticking to these new rules to ensure we are able to hit these dates.

"If everyone continues to pull together we will be able to make a big difference."

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HANDS



FACE



SPACE