

New restrictions on Lockdown update 30th November 2020

As you are aware there are once again changes to lockdown guidance in England. In the home nations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland please refer to your independent government guidance pages. Information from the Institute for Government website where comparisons can be found is - <https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/explainers/coronavirus-lockdown-rules-four-nations-uk> and is at bottom of this document.

At the end of this week England will be under a tiering system for Lockdowns. The rules for many will be restrictive, particularly with travelling outside of your county.

The key question we are being asked is whether your Shed can open and open safely. The Covid section on the UKMSA website includes resources with regard to making your Shed Covid Safe. We have also been able to secure PPE for many Sheds and were lucky enough to send all Sheds Sanitiser from Valspar!

Tier 2 enforces the rule of 6, which means a Shed could only open with people from the same bubble. Tier 3 however is more restrictive where you must not socialise with anyone outside of your bubble / household. Government guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know#very-high-alert>

The government guidance for both Tier 2 and Tier 3 has a number of exemptions and these include:

Exemptions from gatherings limits in all tiers

- for work or providing voluntary or charitable services, including in other people's homes
- for childcare, education or training – meaning education and training provided as part of a formal curriculum

If you feel that your Shed is suitably exempt can we advise that you speak with your local authority. Public Health may be the appropriate group to speak to or those you might already have links with.

We realise this is a really challenging time for people and there have been some terribly tragic events during this period. We encourage everyone to stay safe and stay connected.

We can get through this together, stay safe and stay connected.

Best wishes,

Charlie

Current guidance in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland:

Scotland

	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Meeting friends and family					
Leaving the house and domestic travel	No restrictions on leaving house. No travel to or from Scotland from or to elsewhere in the UK.	No restrictions on leaving house. No travel to or from Scotland from or to elsewhere in the UK.	No restrictions on leaving house. No travel to or from Scotland from or to elsewhere in the UK.	No non-essential travel into or out of area. Avoid non-essential public transport. No travel to or from Scotland from or to elsewhere in the UK.	No non-essential travel into or out of area. No use of public transport unless essential. No travel to or from Scotland from or to elsewhere in the UK.
Meeting outdoors	15 people from up to 5 households may meet.	Six people from up to two households.	Six people from up to two households.	Six people from up to two households.	Six people from up to two households.
Meeting indoors at home	Eight people from up to three households may meet.	Not permitted.	Not permitted.	Not permitted.	Not permitted.
Meeting indoors in public spaces	Eight people from up to three households may meet.	Six people from up to two households.	Six people from up to two households.	Six people from up to two households.	Six people from up to two households.
Weddings and civil partnerships	Permitted – 50 person limit.	Permitted – 20 person limit.	Permitted – 20 person limit.	Permitted – 20 person limit.	Permitted – 15 person limit.

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Funerals	Permitted – 50 person limit.	Permitted – 20 person limit.	Permitted – 20 person limit.	Permitted – 20 person limit.	Permitted – 20 person limit.
Hospitality and accommodation					
Cafes and restaurants	Customers must be seated.	Customers must be seated. 10:30pm closing time.	Customers must be seated. 8pm closing time indoors.	Customers must be seated. 6pm closing time.	Closed
Pubs	Customers must be seated.	Customers must be seated. 10:30pm closing time. Alcohol indoors only with main meal.	Customers must be seated. 8pm closing time indoors. Alcohol indoors only with main meal.	Customers must be seated. 6pm closing time. No alcohol.	Closed
Accommodation	Open	Open	Open	Open. Only essential (work) stays for non-locals.	Essntial (work) stays only. No tourism.
Shops and services					
Non-essential retail	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed
Hairdressers and beauty salons	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed
Places of worship	Open – 50-person limit indoors	Open – 50-person limit indoors	Open – 50-person limit indoors	Open – 50-person limit indoors	Open – 50-person limit indoors
Sports and leisure					

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Outdoor sports and exercise	No restrictions	No restriction	No restrictions	Open but no 18+ contact sports	Non-contact sports online
Indoor sports and exercise	No restrictions	Open but no 18+ contact sports	Open but no 18+ contact sports	Individual exercise only	Closed
Leisure and entertainment venues	All open except nightclubs.	All open except nightclubs.	Theatres, music venues, casinos, nightclubs, indoor bowling and soft play closed	Closed	Closed

Wales

	National guidance and regulations
Leaving the house and domestic travel	From 9 November, no travel restrictions within Wales. No travel into England without a reasonable excuse.
Meeting outdoors	<p>From 9 November, up to four people from different households can meet outdoors, not including children under 11. Meetings are not allowed in private gardens.</p> <p>Two households are permitted to join together to form one exclusive 'extended household', which may meet outdoors.</p>
Meeting indoors at home	<p>From 9 November, people may not meet with people outside their extended household in private dwellings.</p> <p>Two households are permitted to join together to form one exclusive 'extended household', which may meet indoors.</p>
Meeting indoors in public places	From 9 November, groups of up to four people from different households will be allowed to meet indoors in a regulated space but must adhere to advance booking, time-limited slots and verified identification.
Weddings and civil partnerships	From 22 August, maximum number of attendees at ceremony depends on ability to maintain social distancing. Indoor celebrations following ceremonies permitted for up to 15 people indoors and 30 people outdoors.

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Funerals	No legal restriction on attendance at funerals. Only closest family and friends advised to attend. Wakes limited to 15 people indoors and 30 people outdoors.
Hospitality, retail and accommodation	
Cafes and restaurants	Open again from 9 November. Restrictions to indoor meetings apply.
Pubs	Open again from 9 November, limited to table-service only. The sale of alcohol is prohibited after 10pm. Restrictions to indoor meetings apply.
Accommodation	Open from 9 November.
Shops and services	
Non-essential retail	Open
Hairdressers and beauty salons	Open
Places of worship	Open
Sports and leisure	
Outdoor sports and exercise	Open from 9 November, permitted for groups of up to 30 people.
Indoor sports and exercise	Indoor gyms and swimming pools reopened 9 November. Groups of up to 15 permitted, as long as reasonable hygiene and social distancing measures are taken.
Leisure and entertainment venues	Outdoor attractions reopen from 9 November. Nightclubs, theatres and concert halls remain closed.

Northern Ireland

	National regulations and guidance
	Meeting friends and family
Leaving the house and domestic travel	Avoid all unnecessary travel.
Meeting outdoors	<p>Public gatherings:</p> <p>Up to 15 people from different households can meet in a public setting.</p> <p>Private gardens: No more than six people from two households can meet in a private garden, with an exception for bubbles formed of two households that can meet in a groups of a maximum of 10 (children under 12 are not included in this total). Overnight stays are not permitted unless part of a bubble.</p> <p>Local rules apply in some areas.</p>
Meeting indoors at home	Households are not permitted to mix in private dwellings, with the exception of bubbles formed of two households who can meet in groups of a maximum of 10.
Meeting indoors in a public place	Up to 15 people can meet in a public indoor setting.