

### What does it mean for Hull now that we're a COVID-19 Tier 2 High alert level area?

#### 1. What does the change mean?

As you'll be aware recently the government introduced three different [coronavirus alert levels](#). Hull has been placed in the 'High' alert level meaning that tighter restrictions are in place.

[Discover what restrictions are in place for 'High' alert level](#)

#### 2. When do the tighter restrictions come into force?

The tighter restrictions come into force from **00.01 Saturday 31 October**.

#### 3. Which areas do the additional restrictions affect?

All homes and businesses in Hull.

The same restrictions laws also apply in the neighbouring authorities: East Riding of Yorkshire, North and North East Lincolnshire.

#### 4. How long will these restrictions apply?

This will depend on transmission rates.

#### 5. Can we mix with other households under the new restrictions?

If you live in Hull, unless they're in your support or childcare bubble, or when an exemption applies, you must not:

- meet people you don't live with in your home
- meet people you don't live with in their home, whether inside or outside Hull area – **please refer to Q19 for guidance on meeting people from other households outdoors**
- socialise with people who you don't live with in indoor settings, including pubs and restaurants, whether inside or outside the Hull area.

#### 6. Can you explain who can be in a support bubble?

It's where a household with one adult joins with another household (on an exclusive basis). Households within a bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight, and visit public places together.

Once you make a support bubble. You should not change who is in your bubble nor should you have multiple bubbles.

[Discover more about support bubbles on GOV.UK.](#)

#### 7. What is a childcare bubble?

A childcare bubble is where someone in one household can provide informal (i.e. unpaid and unregistered) childcare to a child aged 13 or under in another household. This applies to extended family members and friends but must be on an exclusive basis - always the same two households.

[Discover more about childcare bubbles on GOV.UK.](#)

See questions 10, 11, and 12 for more information specifically relating to

grandparents.

**8. What are the other exemptions to the household mixing rule?**

People can visit another household:

- to attend a birth at the mother's request
- to visit a person who is dying
- to fulfil a legal obligation
- for work purposes, or for the provision of voluntary or charitable services
- for the purposes of education or training
- for the purposes of childcare provided by a registered provider and informal childcare as part of a childcare bubble
- to provide emergency assistance
- to enable one or more persons in the gathering to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm
- to help with a house move
- to provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person
- to continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children where the children do not live in the same household as their parents, or one of their parents.

**9. Do these measures affect childcare?**

You can continue to use early years and childcare settings, including childminders and providers offering before or after school clubs or other out-of-school settings for children.

Children of parents who are separated can continue to move between households, providing the two separate households are in the same support bubble together.

**10. Can both grandparents from the same household look after my children at the same time?**

Yes. Grandparents who live in the same household can link with one other household to provide childcare. [Discover more about childcare bubbles on GOV.UK.](#)

**11. Two sets of grandparents usually look after my children at different times. Is this allowed under the new restrictions?**

No. You can only link with one other household to provide childcare.

**12. I'm a grandparent with grandchildren living in different homes. How many can I look after?**

One set of grandchildren from one household only.

**13. How are schools, colleges and universities affected?**

Hull's schools, colleges and university will remain open and are following Public Health England and Department for Education guidance on keeping students and staff safe. University students must follow the specific guidance and rules set by their university.

#### 14. Does my child need to wear a face covering at school?

Yes - face coverings should be worn in secondary schools by staff, visitors and students when moving around school in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult.

Primary school staff and visitors will also wear be expected to wear face coverings in indoor communal spaces, such as staff rooms, where two metre distancing is difficult. Again, with the exception of classrooms and when eating and drinking. This may not apply in all specialist settings.

#### 15. When do I have to wear a face covering?

You should continue to wear a face covering in many public places such as shops and public transport. Make sure it covers your nose and your mouth.

By law you must wear a face covering in these places ([unless you're exempt](#)):

- public transport (aeroplanes, trains, and buses)
- taxis and private hire vehicles
- transport hubs (airports, rail stations and terminals, maritime ports and terminals, bus and coach stations and terminals)
- shops and supermarkets (places which offer goods or services for retail sale or hire)
- shopping centres (malls and indoor markets)
- auction houses
- premises providing hospitality (bars, pubs, restaurants, cafes), except when seated at a table to eat or drink (see [exemptions](#))
- post offices, banks, building societies, high-street solicitors and accountants, credit unions, short-term loan providers, savings clubs and money service businesses
- estate and lettings agents
- theatres
- premises providing personal care and beauty treatments (hair salons, barbers, nail salons, massage centres, tattoo and piercing parlours)
- premises providing veterinary services
- visitor attractions and entertainment venues (museums, galleries, cinemas, theatres, concert halls, cultural and heritage sites, aquariums, indoor zoos and visitor farms, bingo halls, amusement arcades, adventure activity centres, indoor sports stadiums, funfairs, theme parks, casinos, skating rinks, bowling alleys, indoor play areas including soft-play areas)
- libraries and public reading rooms
- places of worship
- funeral service providers (funeral homes, crematoria and burial ground chapels)
- community centres, youth centres and social clubs
- exhibition halls and conference centres
- public areas in hotels and hostels
- storage and distribution facilities

**16. Can I leave Hull or travel into the city from another area to go to work?**

Yes. Workplaces should have Covid-secure arrangements in place.

**17. Can I visit someone's home outside of Hull?**

Hull residents should not visit other households inside or outside of the city's boundaries (unless an exemption applies).

The same restrictions apply across the Humber for East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire council areas.

**18. Can I meet a friend in a pub or café in another town or city?**

No. As a Hull resident you must not socialise indoors with people who you don't live with in places like pubs and restaurants, whether inside or outside the city boundary.

The same restrictions apply across the Humber for East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire council areas.

**19. Can I meet up outdoors, i.e. in the park or on the street, with other households?**

You may continue to see friends and family you do not live with (or have not formed a support bubble with) outside, including in a garden or other outdoor space. When you do so, you must not meet in a group of more than 6. This limit of 6 includes children of any age. You should also follow social distancing rules and stay 2m apart.

**20. What about public transport and car sharing?**

Residents are advised to walk or cycle when possible and when travelling by car to only travel with those in your household and/or support bubble.

It is advised to only use public transport for essential purposes, such as travelling to school or work.

Face coverings must be worn unless exempt.

**21. Can I go on holiday?**

You can still go on holiday within the UK or abroad, but you should only do this with people you live with (or have formed a support bubble with). You need to follow any rules in the area you visit and be aware of and adhere to the self-isolation rules when travelling to and from certain countries.

If you're going on holiday, you should try to avoid entering a [very high alert level area](#), unless you're just travelling through the area as part of a longer journey. You should avoid staying overnight in a [very high alert level area](#) if you do not live there.

**22. Can tradespeople do work inside my home?**

Official/registered tradespeople can go to other people's homes for work purposes as long as they follow national guidance on how to work safely there.

This includes Housing repairs which remain unaffected.

### **23. Are there restrictions on weddings, civil partnerships and funerals?**

In England the following attendance limits apply for weddings and funerals:

- Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies are limited to 15 people, depending on the venue.
- Wedding receptions and celebrations can continue for up to 15 people in the form of a sit-down meal and in a Covid-secure setting, not in a private dwelling.
- Funerals (including ceremonies at crematoria) are limited to up to 30 people depending on the venue
- All other religious or belief-based standalone life cycle ceremonies or celebrations are limited to 6 people.

Anyone working at these ceremonies or events are not included as part of the person limit.

The additional restriction on mixing with other households within indoor settings does not change the attendance limits.

### **24. What are the changes to playing sports?**

You can continue to take part in organised sporting or licensed physical activity in groups of more than 6 outdoors and only one household and support bubble (for over 18s) indoors. There is an exemption for indoor sports if it is organised for the purposes of someone who has a disability taking part and an exemption for children's activities.

Outdoor activities either need to be organised by a national governing body, club, registered instructor/coach, business or charity, and/or involve someone who has received an official licence to use equipment relevant to the activity. In all cases, the organiser must conduct a risk assessment and ensure compliance with COVID-19 Secure guidance.

You should only be playing team sports where the relevant governing body has published guidance on how to do so safely and is outdoors. See [a list of team sports governing bodies which have developed guidance](#). For all other sports, guidance is available from your governing body and details on how to safely undertake this activity within an organised environment.

Organised dance and exercise classes can take place in groups of more than 6 outdoors, where a risk assessment has been carried out, but you must not mix with more than five other participants. The relevant [indoor sport facilities guidance](#) or [outdoor guidance](#) must be followed for these activities. Outdoor organised sport and physical activity events are allowed provided they follow [guidance for the public on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation in England](#).

The government advises that you should not attend amateur or professional sporting events as a spectator in the affected local areas. If you do attend, you

must remain socially distanced and in groups of no more than 6 when outdoors (and if indoors only with your household or support bubble).

**25. Can I travel to play sport outside of the areas with restrictions?**

Yes, providing it is organised by a national governing body, club, registered instructor, business or charity or someone with an official licence. Please wear a face covering if using public transport unless exempt.

**26. Can I go to the gym, gym class, leisure centre or a swimming pool?**

Yes, as long as these venues have the required Covid-secure risk assessments and guidelines in place.

**27. Can I move home?**

Yes.

**28. What support is available for businesses?**

Hull City Council is working with partners to support local businesses.

We have a dedicated business support team to help who can talk to you about funding or grants available to support businesses.

If you wish to speak to a Business Advisor or require further information email [business.support@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:business.support@hullcc.gov.uk) or call 01482 300 301.

**29. I'm on a lower income – is funding support available if I need to isolate?**

If you're on a lower wage and have lost income as a result of self-isolation due to testing positive for Coronavirus or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace, you could be eligible for a new £500 NHS Test and Trace Support Payment.

Information regarding the eligibility requirements for the support payment and online claim form is available on [hullcc.gov.uk](http://hullcc.gov.uk)

**30. What are the changes for the hospitality venues?**

The following must close from 10pm to 5am:

- Pubs
- Bars and restaurants (including hotel dining rooms and members' clubs)
- Cafes including workplace canteens (but not including cafes or canteens at hospitals, care homes, prisons, establishments intended for the use of naval, military or air force purposes and for providing food or drink to the homeless)
- Social clubs
- Cinemas
- Theatres
- Casinos
- Bingo halls and concert halls
- Amusement arcades or other indoor leisure centres or facilities
- Static/fixed funfairs (indoors or outdoors), theme parks, and adventure parks and activities

During opening hours (5am to 10pm), venues serving alcohol must operate table service only for food and drinks – this includes ordering. Those venues who don't serve alcohol can operate counter service, but the consumption of food and drinks should take place at a table as much as possible.

Hospitality venues must take reasonable steps to ensure that bookings are not accepted, or customers admitted onto the premises, if the:

- groups include more than one household and support bubble if they will be located indoors
- groups include more than one household and support bubble, or more than 6 people if the group includes multiple households, if they will be located outdoors

As elsewhere in the country, venues must also take details of customers for NHS Test and Trace.

### [Access further guidance](#)

#### **31. Can I still get a takeaway?**

Hot food takeaways should close to walk-ins between 10pm and 5am each day, but they can continue to operate a delivery service during these hours, via a website, telephone, text message, post, or by 'drive-throughs'.

#### **32. Can I still go to a hospitality venue, like a pub or restaurant, with family and friends who don't live with me?**

No. From **00.01 Saturday 31 October**, you can only visit the venues listed below with members of your own household (or support bubble).

- Restaurants, including restaurants and dining rooms in hotels or members' clubs
- Bars, including bars in hotels or members' clubs
- Public houses
- Social clubs
- Casinos
- Cafes
- Community Centres
- Workplace canteens (except those at hospital, care home, school, prison, those providing food or drink to the homeless or those intended for naval military or air force purposes)

It is also advised that you don't visit a beer garden/pavement cafe with other households or congregate outside a public venue.

#### **33. Why can I visit the pub but not my relative's house?**

This is because the hospitality industry has enhanced measures, such as risk

assessments and test and trace, which private homes don't have.

**34. How do I know if I have coronavirus symptoms?**

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

If you have any of these symptoms you must isolate immediately, get a test and only leave your home for the test. Remain isolated until you get the result and then follow the national guidance for whether it is positive or negative.

**35. Where can I get a test in Hull if I have symptoms?**

There are two testing sites available locally which are by **appointment only**.

There are Mobile Test Units based in/near Hull at different points that will be able to be booked through the on-line process. Work is ongoing to establish east Hull test site.

Free tests can be [booked online](#) or by calling 119.

Only people with coronavirus symptoms should book a test.

**36. What about people who were previously shielding?**

People with health conditions and those who were asked to shield are still particularly vulnerable and need to take special care during this period and to be extra cautious and follow the new guidance.

New shielding advice will be sent direct by the Government to identified vulnerable residents. This will contain advice on how to gain support.

**37. What if I need extra help because of coronavirus?**

Hull City Council can provide you with advice on how to access support with food purchases, prescription collections and befriending support.

You can get more information by visiting [hull.gov.uk](http://hull.gov.uk)

**38. What should I do if I see someone breaking the rules?**

Where people are breaking the rules, the police will seek to engage, explain and encourage them to adhere to the restrictions. However, enforcement action will be taken where appropriate.

If an individual is breaching restrictions, you can report it to Humberside Police on 101.

You can also get more information from the Covid-19 section on their [website](#)