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National restrictions affecting hospitality operators

(Guidance correct as of September 25th 2020)

- All pubs, bars, and restaurants must operate a table service only (except for takeaways)
- All hospitality venues must close at 10:00pm. Takeaways should also close, but they can continue to provide delivery services after 10:00pm
- All staff and customers in indoor hospitality must wear a face covering except when seated at a table to eat or drink.
- All retail staff must also wear a face covering.
- In retail, leisure, tourism and hospitality settings, the Government's COVID-19 secure guidelines will become legal obligations. Businesses will be fined and can be closed if they breach the rules.
- A maximum of 15 people will be able to attend wedding ceremonies and receptions. Up to 30 will still be able to attend funerals.
- Business events, and large sports events, will not be able to reopen from 1 October as intended.
- Business meetings of up to 30 people can continue in COVID_19 secure venues taking into account Visitor Economy Guidance and social distancing requirements.
- Guided Tours can go ahead IF it is possible to ensure that groups of more than six do not mingle on the tour.

Hospitality Operators in Blackburn with Darwen

National Guidance above applies, but rule of 6 is superseded by local restrictions whereby households are **not permitted** to mix in indoor venues. You must not allow bookings from parties from mixed households therefore Rule of 6 is superseded by local restrictions.

It is also **advised** that people should not socialise with other people outside of their own household or support bubble in all outdoor public spaces including parks, beer gardens, outside restaurants or pavement cafes.

In the areas of Blackburn with Darwen named below, operators of hospitality venues (including restaurants, pubs, bars and cafes) should halt walk-ins, and only seat people who make reservations in advance. You should also take steps to ensure that people do not socialise outside of their households both inside and outside your premises.

- Audley & Queen's Park
- Billinge & Beardwood
- Little Harwood & Whitebirk
- Shear Brow & Corporation Park
- Bastwell & Daisyfield
- Blackburn Central
- Roe Lee
- Wensley Fold

If you operate a business or organise events within the affected areas you should take steps to ensure people do not socialise with people they do not live with, in line with COVID-19 secure guidance.

You can find all details regarding local restrictions in Blackburn with Darwen [here](#)

Hospitality Operators in Blackpool: National Guidance above applies, From 12.01am 26 September rule of 6 is superseded by local restrictions as per below.

Hospitality Operators in rest of Lancashire:

Burnley – Chorley – Fylde – Hyndburn – Lancaster - Pendle - Preston - Ribble Valley - Rossendale - South Ribble - West Lancashire - Wyre

National Guidance above applies, but rule of 6 is superseded by local restrictions.

You **must not**:

- host people you do not live with in your home or garden, unless they're in your support bubble
- meet people you do not live with in their home or garden, whether inside or outside of the affected area, unless they're in your support bubble

In addition to these restrictions, it is **advised** that you should not:

- socialise with people you do not live with, unless they're in your support bubble, in any public venue. This applies to inside and outside of the affected areas. Examples of public venues include pubs, restaurants, cafes, shops, places of worship, community centres, leisure and entertainment venues, or visitor attractions
- visit friends or family in care homes, other than in exceptional circumstances. Care homes should restrict visits to these circumstances

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Specific guidance on additional restrictions can be found [here](#)