

COVID-19 action guide for Outdoor Hospitality

When should this guide be used?	Where/who does it apply to?
<p>‘General guidelines’ (see below) should be followed at all times to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19. They should support, not replace, discussion with Environmental Health teams, local authorities, and Local Community Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Teams.</p> <p>‘Actions in an outbreak’ (over the page) are additional actions that may be carried out if there is a suspected or confirmed outbreak of COVID-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to those who work in Outdoor Hospitality • Potential employees / individuals that will be affected by this guidance: all those involved in restaurants, public houses, bars, social and member clubs. (including takeaway alcohol).
<h3>Priority Actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19:</h3>	
<p>Refer to the Working safely during coronavirus guidance (listed over the page) that has practical steps you can take. These should complement – not replace – steps you have already taken with Environmental Health teams, local authorities, and Local Community Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) teams.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carry out a COVID-19 risk assessment: refer to HSE guidance (listed over the page) and consult your staff or trade unions 2. Develop cleaning, handwashing and hygiene procedures: by ensuring hand wash basins are fully stocked and hand sanitiser is available. Increase the frequency of the cleaning and disinfection of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly. 3. Maintain 2m social distancing, where possible: put up signs to remind staff of social distancing guidance and use tape to mark 2m distance between workspaces and customer tables where appropriate 4. Staff should remain in designated workspaces whenever possible. <p>If 2m distance cannot be kept then additional measures could be used, for example, screens between clients and staff wearing a face mask or shield, etc.</p>	
<h3>Further guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19</h3>	

- **Social distancing:** Rule of '6' applies or two households. No mixing of households and social distance of 2m if possible
- **Managing your customers, visitors and contractors:** For example, asking customers to book online, on apps or over the telephone to reduce queues and avoid congestion at the entrance.
- Queuing should be effectively managed with visual signage in place advising of social distancing.
- Customers should be advised the face covering should be worn whilst using indoor facilities.
- Any premises serving alcohol, the customers will be required to order, be served and eat/drink while seated
- Venues must not provide smoking equipment such as shisha to be used on the premises
- **Cleaning the workplace and management of waste:** For example, regular and thorough cleaning of all workstations and hand contact surfaces.
- You should refer to specific guidance on [cleaning in non-healthcare settings](#) (listed over the page):
- Ensure locker rooms and toilets undertake systematic, more frequent and effective cleaning and are fully stocked with hand sanitiser available for use
- Communal areas require increased frequency of cleaning such as light switches, door handles, tabletops and elevator buttons

Workforce management:

- Minimising contacts around transactions, for example considering using contactless payments including tips where possible
- Staggering shift start times minimising employee congregation at entrances and exits
- Ensure the premises is well ventilated
- Keep music or background noise to a minimum to stop customers from speaking loudly or shouting
- Ensure Covid training is undertaken for staff, this could include, the use of cleaning and disinfecting PPE, new ways of working etc
- Where possible cohorts of workers should be matched to work zones, such as bar work and kitchen work
- **Inbound and outbound goods:** For example, considering methods to reduce frequency of deliveries, like ordering larger quantities less often ensuring suitable storage facilities are available
- **Travelling to and from work:** People from a household or [support bubble](#) (www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household#making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household) can travel together in a vehicle.

Where you can find more information:

- **Working safely during coronavirus**
www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/5-steps-to-working-safely
- **Food businesses-** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses/guidance-for-food-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19>
- **Cleaning in a non-healthcare setting -** www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings
- **NHS test and trace: workplace guidance -** www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-workplace-guidance
- **HSE Guidance -** www.hse.gov.uk/news/working-safely-during-coronavirus-outbreak.htm
- **Social distancing-** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-stop-the-spread-of-coronavirus-covid-19/how-to-stop-the-spread-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

Actions in an outbreak: what you should do if you suspect an outbreak

When should I suspect an outbreak? People with symptoms (see [Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) – see above) should stay home and not come to work, and access testing as stated in current advice. Advice and information provided through contact tracing should be followed by all individuals with symptoms and anyone they have been in contact with.

There is a risk of infection being passed from person to person if someone has:

1. **Symptoms of COVID-19:** (new persistent cough, fever, or a loss of sense of smell and/or taste) or
2. **Confirmed COVID-19:** has received a positive test result for COVID-19 ([Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)- listed over the page) This risk of passing on COVID-19 is highest if the contact occurred either:
 - 48 hours before the individual developed symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19; or
 - Up to 7 days after developing symptoms or testing positive for COVID-19

Other useful documents:

- [COVID-19: getting tested - www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested)