

# **Coronavirus Briefing Note / Local Business Information**

## **Introduction**

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restriction) Regulations 2020 came into effect recently and outline the premises that must remain closed, and those can continue to operate with restrictions. This section of the regulations is enforced by Environmental Health at the Council. The movement of people and gatherings is enforced by the Police and outside the scope of this note

There has been a fair amount of confusion around what can remain open and what cannot as guidance is sometimes being interpreted as law. It is noted that some may deem certain businesses to be essential and not others. The purpose of this Briefing Note is to highlight the most important elements of the regulations and to try to remove confusion over what can and cannot stay open.

1. The following premises **are CLOSED and cannot sell food or drink for consumption on the premises**

Restaurants

Cafes (some exemptions are in place relating to canteens in hospitals, prisons and workplaces)

Bars

Pubs

2. The businesses listed in Appendix 1 (Attached) **must close and remain closed**

3. The only shops selling or hiring goods that are allowed to open are outlined in Appendix 2. (Attached). **There is currently no restriction on what types of goods people can buy in shops allowed to remain open.**

3a) Retail shops that cannot open can receive orders by phone or the internet and carry out deliveries. For example, Vape shops must remain closed to the public **but they can take orders over the phone and internet and deliver.**

4. Any business that provides holiday accommodation such as in a hotel, hostel, bed and breakfast, apartments, cottages, campsites, boarding houses and caravan parks must cease unless:

- . The person is unable to return to main residence (e.g. self-isolating)
- . Uses accommodation as main residence
- . Needs accommodation while moving house
- . Needs accommodation to attend a funeral
- . Provide accommodation for homeless
- . Host blood donation sessions
- . Providing accommodation for Key workers

5. Many premises, such as manufacturers of goods **have not been ordered to close.** However Fenland's Environmental Health Team are receiving concerns on a daily basis from local employees concerned about their health and safety in these workplaces. The FDC Env H Team are working alongside the HSE to ensure employers are advised accordingly as to what they should be doing to ensure, (so far as is reasonably practicable) their employee's health safety are welfare. Employees must be protected in their workplaces in relation to the implementation of safe distancing of at least 2 metres apart from another employee's working area.

### **Appendix 1**

- Cinemas.
- Theatres.
- Nightclubs.
- Bingo halls.
- Concert halls.
- Museums and galleries.
- Casinos.
- Betting shops.
- Spas.
- Nail, beauty, hair salons and barbers.
- Massage parlours.
- Tattoo and piercing parlours.
- Skating rinks.
- Indoor fitness studios, gyms, swimming pools, bowling alleys, amusement arcades or soft play areas or other indoor leisure centres or facilities.
- Funfairs (whether outdoors or indoors).
- Playgrounds, sports courts and outdoor gyms.
- Outdoor markets (except for stalls selling food).
- Car showrooms.
- Auction Houses.
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## **Appendix 2**

Retail shops selling or hiring goods that **CAN open to the public are:**

- Food retailers, including food markets, supermarkets, convenience stores and corner shops.
- Off licenses and licensed shops selling alcohol (including breweries).
- Pharmacies (including non-dispensing pharmacies) and chemists.
- Newsagents.
- Homeware, building supplies and hardware stores.
- Petrol stations.
- Car repair and MOT services.
- Bicycle shops.
- Taxi or vehicle hire businesses.
- Banks, building societies, credit unions, short term loan providers and cash points.
- Post offices.
- Funeral directors.
- Laundrettes and dry cleaners.
- Dental services, opticians, audiology services, chiropody, chiropractors, osteopaths and other medical or health services, including services relating to mental health.
- Veterinary surgeons and pet shops.
- Agricultural supplies shop.
- Storage and distribution facilities, including delivery drop off or collection points, where the facilities are in the premises of a business included in this Part.
- Car parks.
- Public toilets.