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## Face coverings, Test and Trace campaign launch and update on coronavirus restrictions



### **Requirement for face coverings extended to other indoor settings**

The requirement to wear a [face covering](#) has been extended to other indoor settings where you are likely to come into contact with people you do not normally meet. As well as museums, galleries, cinemas and places of worship this also includes veterinary services, zoos, aquariums, visitor farms and storage and distribution facilities. It is now recommended that face coverings are worn in these settings, and this will become enforceable in law from 8 August. There are some [circumstances](#), for health, age or equality reasons, where people are not expected to wear face coverings. Please be mindful and respectful of such circumstances, noting that some people are less able to wear face coverings, and that the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

### **NHS 'Let's Get Back' Test and Trace campaign**

NHS [Test and Trace](#) have launched a new public health campaign across England to encourage people to get a free test as soon as they develop symptoms of coronavirus. The campaign also emphasises the need to respond to the NHS Test and Trace service if contacted. The campaign is underpinned by a new [business plan](#) which outlines how the service will expand testing capacity and prepare the nation for winter.

### **Statement from the UK Chief Medical Officers on extension of self-isolation period**

The [self-isolation](#) period has been extended to 10 days for those in the community who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or a positive test result.

## **New rules on gatherings in some parts of Northern England after increase in COVID-19 cases**

An outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified in parts of Greater Manchester, East Lancashire, and West Yorkshire. The government and relevant local authorities are acting together to control the spread of the virus. From 31 July, if you live in the affected local areas, you should follow these [rules](#) when meeting people who you do not live with. Separate guidance advises on the similar rules imposed in [Leicester](#).

Public Health England (PHE) publishes a weekly COVID-19 [surveillance report](#) that includes an overview of upper tier local authorities (UTLA) with the highest incidence rates and the Contain Framework Local Authority Watchlist. This can assist regional stakeholders in local planning.

## **Prime Minister announcement: postponed reopening of higher risk settings**

The [Prime Minister](#) has postponed the reopening of a number of higher risk settings in England that had remained closed. That means that, until 15 August at the earliest:

- Casinos, bowling alleys, skating rinks and remaining close contact services must remain closed. Indoor performances will not resume.
- Pilots of larger crowds in sports venues and conference centres will not take place.
- Wedding receptions of up to 30 people will not be permitted, but ceremonies can continue to take place, in line with COVID-Secure guidelines.

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