**New lockdown on COVID-19 relaxation**

The government has announce the next step in the process of the relaxation of lockdown, which revise [social distancing rules](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=df7a939a8e&e=7ab728a9f9), allowing for larger gatherings of people, more travel and a [broader range of businesses](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=5b92fba5fd&e=7ab728a9f9) to re-open from Saturday 4 July.

To accompany this [the sector specific guidance to businesses on how to operate safely has been updated](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=cff6ee99d3&e=7ab728a9f9).

The advice for each of the below sectors has been updated to take into account the new social distancing guidance:
[Close contact services](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=a3b8d6b840&e=7ab728a9f9)
[Construction and other outdoor work](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=b8d89cc3c6&e=7ab728a9f9).
[Factories, plants and warehouses](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=8af77d69a1&e=7ab728a9f9).
[Heritage locations](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=09fc0122f4&e=7ab728a9f9).
[Hotels and other guest accommodation](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=c92022ee82&e=7ab728a9f9).
[Labs and research facilities](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=042a6d734e&e=7ab728a9f9).
[Offices and contact centres](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=83e7fc611b&e=7ab728a9f9).
[Other people's homes](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=f9525205d3&e=7ab728a9f9).
[Restaurants pubs, bars and takeaway services](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=1c666a83bf&e=7ab728a9f9).
[Shops and branches](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=83616b1d0b&e=7ab728a9f9).
[Vehicles](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=e69fb3f2eb&e=7ab728a9f9) (couriers, mobile workers, lorry drivers, on-site transit and work vehicles, field forces and similiar).
[The visitor economy](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=fca9a00bc8&e=7ab728a9f9).

To support our local businesses, traders and town centres Tameside Council's public health team have the below advice:

**Don't be a contact**
Maintaining social distancing is the best way to ensure that you, your staff and your clients don't contract coronavirus. If someone can work from home they should continue to do so. If someone who is carrying the virus does come into your premises, well observed social distancing will minimise the number of your employees who need to self isolate, meaning you will be able to re-open quicker.

**Face Coverings**
With more business and spaces reopening, it is still important to try to ensure you are socially distanced from others, but in some spaces this will not always be possible. If you are going to be in an indoor space where it will be difficult to keep 2m apart from others then you should consider wearing a face covering which will reduce the risk of you unknowingly spreading the virus to other people. This  could be a face mask or just a scarf or homemade covering that covers your mouth and nose.

**Wash your hands and clean surfaces**
Regular, thorough hand washing remains the best way to prevent catching and spreading the virus. Soap and water are the best way, but hand sanitizer can help where they aren't available. Regular cleaning of regularly touched surfaces, such as door handles, toilet flushes and counters is also an effective step.

**If you or your staff have symptoms, get tested**
[Anyone who is showing coronavirus symptoms can now get tested](https://liveworkinvest.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c82daebd778d6cd9667beed7e&id=03c5338a35&e=7ab728a9f9). If you or a member of your staff is showing symptoms, then self isolating and getting tested are the best ways to ensure that the virus is not spread any further and can allow people who test negative to return to work faster. Staff members who live with someone with symptoms or have come into contact with a confirmed case should also isolate.