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**To:**



Dear business owner,  
**[New COVID-19 restrictions](#)**

The government has announced **[new COVID-19 restrictions](#)** for England which begin on Thursday 5 November.

A four week lockdown will start from Thursday 5 November and continue to Wednesday 2 December after which the Government will look to return to a local and regional approach based on the latest data.

To reduce social contact, the Government has ordered certain businesses and venues to close. Hospitality venues like restaurants, bars and pubs must close, but can still provide takeaway and delivery services. Alcohol will not be permitted to be sold as part of a takeaway service from the premises. However, alcohol can be provided as an off-sale through either:

- A delivery (which is made by a website, phone call, text or post)
- A pre-ordered 'click and collect' collection provided the customer does not enter the premises (which is made by a website, phone call, text or post)
- A drive through order provided the alcohol is passed to the customer without them leaving the car

If your venue is a licensed premises and you intend to offer deliveries of alcohol, please notify the Licensing Department.

### **IMPORTANT**

**[Planning rules were relaxed](#)** on 17 March 2020 to allow pubs and restaurants to operate for 12 months as hot food and drinks takeaways during the coronavirus outbreak. **Businesses must tell Environmental Health when the new use begins and ends.**

The Foods Standards Agency has produced guidance for food businesses looking to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes;

- **[Adapting your food business during COVID-19](#),**
- **[Hygiene and allergy advice for takeaways and food delivery businesses](#)** and,
- **[Guidance for food businesses undertaking a rapid shut-down in response to coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)**

Hotels, hostels and other accommodation should only open for those who have to travel for work purposes and for a limited number of other exemptions which will be set out in law.

For further information, including details of venues that will be allowed to remain open for specific exempt activities and financial support available for businesses, click **[here](#)**.

### **Financial support**

- The **[Coronavirus Job Retention](#)** Scheme will be extended for a month with employees receiving 80% of their current salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2 500

- The [Job Support Scheme](#) has been postponed until the furlough scheme ends.

Business premises forced to close in England are to receive [grants](#) worth up to £3,000 per month.

For further advice or to tell us of a change to your business please contact the Public Protection Service:

- Environmental Health: Tel. 01962 848097 / Email [EHealth@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:EHealth@winchester.gov.uk)
- Licensing: Tel. 01962 848188 / Email [licensing@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@winchester.gov.uk)

For relief and grants being made available through Winchester City Council please refer to the relevant website pages [here](#) or contact 01962 848288 or email [businessrates@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:businessrates@winchester.gov.uk).

You can also call the council's Economy team on 01962 814 915 for support and you can sign up to our business newsletter [here](#).

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