



Guidance on the Government's Roadmap for Easing Restrictions in England

A four-step roadmap to ease restrictions across England was published by the government. Before proceeding to each step, the government will assess the impact of previous steps based on four tests. The government will make announcement seven days in advance before restrictions are eased. You must continue to observe all other restrictions of the current lockdown.

Step 3: May 17th (applicable to England)

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| Travelling within UK | You may travel within the UK but should aim to do so safely and plan your journey in advance. |
| Outdoor rules | Outdoor gatherings will be limited to 30 people. Although you will not be required to stay 2m apart from anyone, you should exercise caution and practice ways of keeping you and your loved ones safe. |
| Indoor rules | A maximum of 6 people or 2 households may gather together indoor (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible). A household means people that share the same residence. Two households mixing (including their support bubbles) can be more than 6 people. But more than 2 households mixing must not exceed 6 people. |
| Social distancing rules | What we understood from the government's explanation is that for outdoor meetings, if you are meeting your close family, you know about the places they have been and believe they are keeping safe, then you may hug them and have close contact with them. However, if you are meeting someone you do not know well, it is better to keep social distance with them in order to protect each other. |
| Restaurants and pubs | Indoor hospitality such as restaurants and pubs can reopen. Indoors, restaurants may serve customers in groups of up to 6 people or 2 households. Outdoors, they may serve customers in groups of up to 30 people. You should still contact each restaurant you would like to visit and find out their seating arrangements. |
| Indoor entertainment and accommodation | Entertainment venues such as cinemas and soft play areas and the rest of the accommodation sector (including hotels and B&Bs) can reopen. Holiday accommodation can be used by groups of up to 6 or 2 households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible). |

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| Outdoor performances | Outdoor performances such as outdoor cinemas, outdoor theatres and outdoor cinemas can reopen. |
| Organised indoor sports | Indoor sport organised by a business, charity or public body can take place. |
| Large events | Indoor and outdoor events, including live performances, sporting events and business events, will be permitted. Attendance at these events will be capped according to venue type. |
| Weddings | Up to 30 people can attend weddings, receptions and wakes. |
| Funerals | Funeral attendance will no longer be limited to 30 people, but will be determined by how many people the COVID-secure venue can safely accommodate with social distancing. |
| Life events | Bar mitzvahs and christenings can take place with up to 30 people. |
| Higher education students | All higher education students will be able to access in-person teaching. |
| Support groups | Support groups and parent and child group gathering limits will increase to 30 people (not including under 5s). |
| International travel | You may travel internationally, but you must follow the rules of the traffic light system for international travel. Different rules apply to travellers who return to England from a red, amber or green list country. |

Link to full government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-sets-out-roadmap-to-cautiously-ease-lockdown-restrictions>