

Frequently Asked Questions

Staying COVID-19 safe: changes from June 21st for businesses

What will change from 21st June?

On 21st June, England will remain at Step 3 - which means that the limits on numbers at sports events, in pubs and cinemas will not change and the rule of six indoors (30 outdoors) will continue. The use of face coverings when moving around is needed, as is the requirement for hospitality sector businesses to display a QR code and take track & trace information from each customer in a group.

The big change on 21st June is that weddings, civil partnerships and funerals can be attended by more people. The numbers allowed to attend will depend on the capacity of a venue and the social distancing measures in place. This will be determined by the Covid-19 risk assessment of the venue or outdoor space and the measures put in place to limit its spread.

So does that mean weddings don't have to stick to table service all the time?

No - food and drink still need to be ordered, served and consumed whilst seated at a table. Dancing indoors is still not permitted - apart from the wedding or civil partnership couple's first dance which is allowed.

But why are big spectator events, like the football, allowed to have so many people attending?

Some specific events with larger numbers of spectators, including the final four Euro 2020 fixtures, larger arts and music events and Wimbledon's tennis finals, are to take place as part of the Government's Events Research Programme - more information on this programme can be found [here](#).

What about businesses generally - how does it affect home working for example?

People are advised to still work from home if they can as legal limits on social distancing are not changing.

I heard that second vaccinations were being brought forward - what is that about?

People aged 40 and over will be offered their second vaccine earlier - at 8 rather than 12 weeks, so that more people can have the protection of two doses before the rules are relaxed further.

When will things change again?

Data around COVID-19, such as infections and hospitalisations, will be reviewed again and an announcement is expected from the Prime Minister on 5th July. We won't know more until the data review has taken place and the Government announces when the move to Step 4 will take place.

The Government has said that July 19th is the date that Step 4 is anticipated, when limits on social distancing can be lifted - which would mean that nightclubs can re-open and other events and live performances can take place. However, we will need to wait for the Government announcement nearer the time to confirm this.