



Cabinet Office

How we will slowly move out of lockdown

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ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN
COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021: a summary



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Lockdown



England is in lockdown to help keep everyone safe from **COVID-19**.



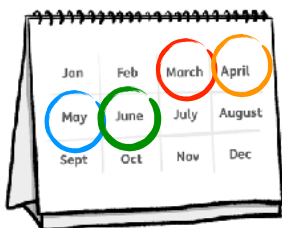
COVID-19 is a new illness that is spreading around the world. It affects your lungs and breathing.



Everyone has been asked to stay at home and away from other people.



Many businesses have been closed.



The Government has written a plan to slowly move out of lockdown.

This information explains what will happen over the next few months to:



- get things back to normal and
- do it in the safest possible way.



Fewer people have COVID-19

Fewer people are catching COVID-19 and fewer people are becoming seriously ill.



This is because of the lockdown and the **vaccine**.



The **vaccine** is a jab that helps to stop you getting very ill with COVID-19.



4 steps

Our plan is to allow people to gradually spend more time outside and mixing with people.



We plan to do this in 4 steps. With each step you will be able to do more things and meet more people.



We will only move from one step to the next if fewer people are catching COVID-19.

Step 1



Step 1 will start on Monday, 8 March.



Schools, colleges and universities

Children and students will go back to school.



Children at secondary schools and colleges will be tested to see if they have COVID-19, twice a week.



Teachers will also be tested.



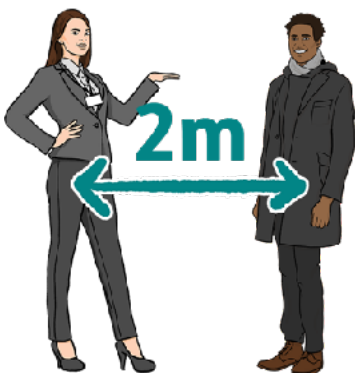
Meeting people outdoors

From Monday, 8 March you can go out for leisure or exercise with:

- people in your household - this means the people you live with
- people in your support bubble - this is when a person on their own joins up with another household
- 1 person who is not in your household or support bubble.



People who live in a care home will be allowed 1 visitor.

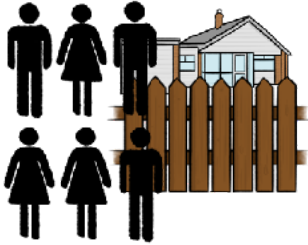


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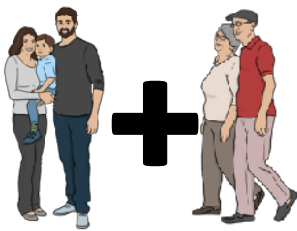


From Monday, 29 March

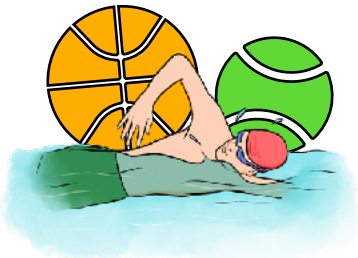
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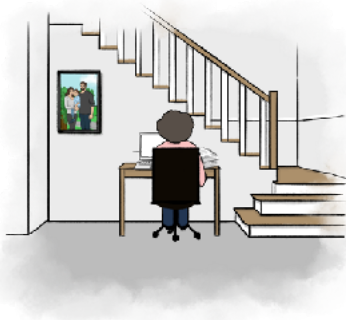
- meet in groups of 6 people outside, including in a private garden



- meet in groups of 2 households.



Outdoor sports places will open up again, like tennis or basketball courts, and open air swimming pools.



You should still stay at home as much as you can.

You should work from home if you can. You won't be able to travel abroad.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

Step 2



If things go well, step 2 will start on Monday, 12 April.

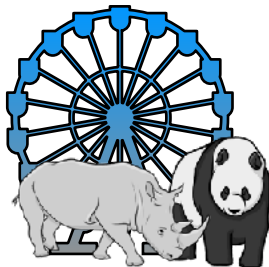


Shops will open, including:

- hairdressers and nail salons



- libraries and community centres



- zoos and theme parks



- drive-in cinemas



- campsites and holiday cottages.



Indoor gyms will open up - but you have to go on your own or with people in your household.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table outside. You should keep to your household group or bubble.



You can have up to 30 people at a funeral and up to 15 people at a wedding, or an event to remember someone.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

Step 3




If things go well, step 3 will start on Monday, 17 May.



From Monday, 17 May:

- you can meet who you like outdoors
- but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.

30+ 



We will look at whether it is OK to be closer to people. We will look at whether it is OK to hug people.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.



Other indoor places will also open, like cinemas, children’s play areas, hotels and bed and breakfast places.



Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.



Up to 30 people will be able to go to weddings, funerals and events to remember someone.

Step 4



If all goes well, step 4 will start on Monday, 21 June.

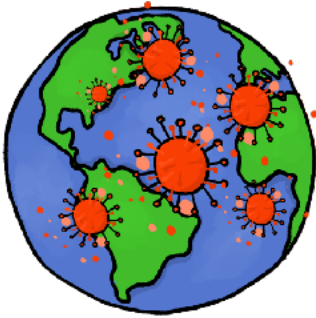


We hope to remove all the remaining rules that are stopping people from getting together.



Nightclubs will open and large events will be able to take place.

Staying safe



We won't be able to get rid of COVID-19 altogether.



We will have to carry on:

- washing our hands often



- being careful not to touch our face



- giving people extra space



- letting fresh air in



- getting tested



- getting the vaccine when we can.

For more information



If you need more information, please go to:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021