

How are lockdown rules changing in England?

The next relaxation of lockdown restrictions is **Stage three** - due no earlier than **17 May** - when it's hoped:

- People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors
- Six people or two households can meet indoors
- Domestic overnight stays allowed with people not in your household or bubble
- Pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can seat customers indoors
- Up to 30 people can attend weddings or other life events, like christenings
- Remaining outdoor entertainment, such as outdoor theatres and cinemas can open
- Indoor entertainment such as museums, theatres, cinemas and children's play areas can open
- Performances and large events can restart, but with limits on audience numbers
- Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen
- International leisure travel may resume
- Adult indoor group sports and exercise classes can restart

Stage four (no earlier than 21 June):

- It's hoped all legal limits on social contact will be removed
- No legal limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, funerals and other life events
- Nightclubs will be allowed to reopen

What are the four tests for easing restrictions?

- The coronavirus vaccine programme continues to go to plan
- Vaccines are sufficiently reducing the number of people dying or needing hospital treatment
- Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospital admissions
- New coronavirus variants do not fundamentally change the risk of lifting restrictions

Read **[the government's roadmap](#)**.

Current rules include:

- Six people or two households can meet outside - including in private gardens
- No mixing indoors with people not in your household or bubble
- All shops, hairdressers, beauty salons and other close-contact services open
- Restaurants and pubs can serve food and alcohol outdoors
- Zoos and theme parks open
- Indoor children's activities, libraries and community centres open
- Indoor sports facilities including gyms and swimming pools open for individual exercise
- Holidays in England in self-contained accommodation by members of the same household allowed
- Non-essential journeys between England and Wales allowed
- Weddings - up to 15 people
- Funerals - up to 30 people, with 15 at wakes
- Two care home visitors allowed per resident
- Driving lessons and **tests** have resumed