

**TO: Business & Operational Continuity Committee**  
**Cc'd: COVID 19 Exit Strategy Group**

Dear Member,

With the first fortnightly review of the new regional allocation of tiered restrictions taking place on 16 December, there is increasing reports that London and a number of other areas will be placed into tier 3 in the coming days.

Matt Hancock, Health and Social Care Secretary, provided a COVID-19 update to the House of Commons at 3.30pm this afternoon, and will later lead a Downing Street news conference. In his update to Parliament, the Health Secretary confirmed that London and parts of Essex and Hertfordshire will be moving into tier 3 from one-past midnight on Wednesday morning.

We will provide further details regarding the statement as they become available, however please find below a reminder of the current restrictions by tier.

In all tiers, the ban on outbound international travel will be lifted; non-essential retail, gyms, personal care, places of worship will open; and schools will remain open as standard.

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
<p><b>Free assembly:</b> Maximum of 6 people gathering indoors or outdoors.</p> <p><b>Workplaces:</b> As set out in guidance, everyone who can work from home should.</p> <p><b>Leisure, entertainment and hospitality venues:</b> open, except for those closed by law e.g. nightclubs. A 11pm curfew is in operation for hospitality with last orders at 10pm.</p> <p><b>Travel:</b> Avoid travelling into a tier 3 areas (other than where necessary for work or education), overnight stays permissible with up to 6 people.</p>	<p><b>Free assembly:</b> No mixing of households, maximum of 6 people gathering outdoors in a public place or private garden.</p> <p><b>Workplaces:</b> As set out in guidance, everyone who can work from home should.</p> <p><b>Leisure, entertainment and hospitality venues:</b> Pubs and bars that cannot operate as restaurants must close and in all hospitality venues, alcoholic drinks can only be served with a substantial meal.</p> <p><b>Travel:</b> Avoid travelling into a tier 3 areas (other than where necessary for work or education), overnight stays only permissible with your household and/or support bubbles.</p>	<p><b>Free assembly:</b> No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places (e.g. private gardens). Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p> <p><b>Workplaces:</b> As set out in guidance, everyone who can work from home should.</p> <p><b>Leisure, entertainment and hospitality venues:</b> Hospitality venues and accommodation are closed but gyms, personal care facilities and non-essential retail remain open.</p> <p><b>Travel:</b> Avoid travelling outside your area.</p>



Thank you  
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