

## South Gloucestershire Council

# New local restriction Tier 3 - update for residents



26 November 2020



### **A message from the council**

Thanks to the hard work, sacrifices and the care you have shown for the wider community, new cases in South Gloucestershire are slowing and the infection rate is beginning to fall. But they are still too high and the health system is under enormous pressure. So the Government has decided to place our district in the new Tier 3, Very High Alert level, along with Bristol and North Somerset. You can read about the new rules in full below.

The government's decision is based on criteria including data about the number of cases we are experiencing and the current pressure on our local and regional health and social care services. Our district has very high case rates overall, and, there is a high level of cases in the over 60s.

While Tier 3 will allow for some easing of the current lockdown restrictions, it is still absolutely vital that we follow the new rules and restrictions. Only by doing so, will we control the spread of the virus and save lives. By continuing to work together, we will make progress towards moving out of Tier 3 as quickly as possible and a safe future for everyone. The Tiers will be reviewed by government on 16 December and on a fortnightly basis going forward, we will keep you updated throughout this process. Thank you for your support.

**Cllr Toby Savage**

Leader of South  
Gloucestershire Council

**Dave Perry**

Chief Executive,  
South Gloucestershire Council

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# What you need to know about Tier 3

**TIER 3 VERY HIGH ALERT** FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b> No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).	<b>BARNS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b> Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	<b>RETAIL</b> Open.	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b> Everyone who can work from home should do so.
<b>EDUCATION</b> Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Children's other supervised activities for children, and children's bubbles permitted.	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b> Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> Closed (with limited exceptions)	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b> Open.
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b> We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b> 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> Indoor venues closed.	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
<b>TRAVELLING</b> Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.	<b>EXERCISE</b> Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b> COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and welfare visits. Outdoor overnight visits only (in/out of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b> Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.

Wash your hands regularly. | Wear a face covering in all shops, indoor venues and on public transport. | Keep your distance from others.

\*Exemptions include: • children under the age of 11 • people with breathing difficulties • people living with a disability

**Stop the spread. Do the right thing.**

[www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus)

The following is Tier 3: Very High alert level guidance from Government for **2 December**. This is for areas with a very high or very rapidly rising level of infections, where tighter restrictions are in place.

In Tier 3:

- you must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any private garden or at most outdoor venues
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in some other outdoor public spaces, including parks, beaches, countryside accessible to the public, a public garden, grounds of a heritage site or castle, or a sports facility – this is called the ‘rule of 6’
- hospitality settings, such as bars (including shisha venues), pubs, cafes and restaurants are closed – they are permitted to continue sales by takeaway, click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services.

- accommodation such as hotels, B&Bs, campsites, and guest houses must close. There are several exemptions, such as for those who use these venues as their main residence, and those requiring the venues where it is reasonably necessary for work or education and training
- indoor entertainment and tourist venues must close. This includes:
  - indoor play centres and areas, including trampolining parks and soft play
  - casinos
  - bingo halls
  - bowling alleys
  - skating rinks
  - amusement arcades and adult gaming centres
  - laser quests and escape rooms
  - cinemas, theatres and concert halls
  - snooker halls
- indoor attractions at mostly outdoor entertainment venues must also close (indoor shops, through-ways and public toilets at such attractions can remain open). This includes indoor attractions within:
  - zoos, safari parks, and wildlife reserves
  - aquariums, visitor attractions at farms, and other animal attractions
  - model villages
  - museums, galleries and sculpture parks
  - botanical gardens, biomes or greenhouses
  - theme parks, circuses, fairgrounds and funfairs
  - visitor attractions at film studios, heritage sites such as castles and stately homes
  - landmarks including observation decks and viewing platforms
- leisure and sports facilities may continue to stay open, but group exercise classes (including fitness and dance) should not go ahead. Saunas and steam rooms should close
- there should be no public attendance at spectator sport or indoor performances and large business events should not be taking place. Elite sport events may continue to take place without spectators

- large outdoor events (performances and shows) should not take place, with the exception of drive-in events
- places of worship remain open, but you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there, unless a legal exemption applies
- [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies, wedding receptions are not allowed, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, 15 people can attend linked commemorative events
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue, however higher-risk contact activity should not take place
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes cannot take place indoors. There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- avoid travelling to other parts of the UK, including for overnight stays other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through other areas as part of a longer journey
- for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#).

There is additional information under ['all tiers'](#) for certain business exemptions.

You can read more details about all the tiers [here](#).

## What next?

We will keep you updated through our usual Tuesday updates around any changes to council services and support for local businesses once we have the full details.

## Covid-19 :The local picture at-a-glance

Our local Covid-19 dashboard is an 'at-a-glance' picture of the current situation in South Gloucestershire. It provides the latest published Covid-19 figures specifically for South Gloucestershire including: total number of laboratory confirmed cases to date, number of laboratory confirmed cases in the last 7 days, the 7-day rate per 100,000 population and total number of all deaths by week and since January 2020 where Covid-19 is mentioned on the death certificate. This is updated daily Monday to Friday, in the morning.

Visit the South Gloucestershire Covid-19 dashboard [here](#).

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## Useful sources of information

- South Gloucestershire Council dedicated webpage:  
[www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- Our partner Southern Brooks for support with food deliveries, prescriptions, mental health support and much more on 0333 577 4666 Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00.
- South Gloucestershire Council social media accounts: [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Latest information from the Government on Covid-19:  
[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- NHS information on Covid-19:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)
- British Sign Language (BSL) videos from Public Health England on Coronavirus and staying well this winter are available on our [YouTube channel](#)