

# Roadmap - Step 4

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The government moved to Step 4 of the roadmap on 19 July which ended most legal restrictions.

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**1**

Up to six people in two households can meet outdoors. No meeting indoors except for household or support bubble.

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**2**

Hospitality venues reopened. Ordering eating and drinking seated. Maximum 15 at weddings and wakes.

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Step  
**3**

Hospitality indoors opened with table service only, both indoors and outdoors. Up to six people, two households indoors and 30 outdoors including at weddings and wakes.

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Step  
**4**

- Social distancing not legally required
  - Face coverings not legally required
  - Nightclubs re-opening
  - Limits on numbers in indoor or outdoor venues not legally required  
Businesses may choose to limit numbers following a risk assessment.
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## Additional information about Step 4

Whilst there are no longer legal requirements for the above, it is in your interests to encourage behaviours which keep staff and customers safe.

Testing is still encouraged and isolating is still required if you test positive, are contacted by NHS Test and Trace or advised to do so by the NHS COVID-19 app.

Businesses should be clear about what is expected of staff and customers whilst on their premises. The government has released guidance - found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-covid-19/restaurants-pubs-bars-nightclubs-and-takeaway-services> - on how to protect staff and customers, including:

- Completing a health and safety risk assessment that includes the risk from COVID-19
- Providing adequate ventilation
- Cleaning more often
- Turning away people with COVID-19 symptoms
- Enabling people to check in at your venue
- Good communication and training
- Encouraging employees to be vaccinated

Frequently asked questions about **Step 4** of the government's roadmap are answered below:

### **1. Can I ask people to wear a face covering on my premises?**

There is no legal requirement for people to wear face coverings, however it is recommended that they are still worn in crowded spaces. You may choose to ask your staff to wear one to help protect themselves and others.

If following a risk assessment you are asking customers to continue to wear face coverings, for example indoors, you need to make sure it is clearly communicated.

### **2. Are there still social distancing rules?**

Whilst the government has removed social distancing rules and there are no limits to the number of people in groups, you may want to monitor this to prevent overcrowding and mitigate transmission of the virus.

### **3. Even though it's not the law, I still want to protect my staff and customers.**

#### **How do I best do that?**

Although the law has changed, simple measures such as good ventilation and making sure your space is not overcrowded will still help stop the spread of COVID-19. Putting in these measures can help staff and customers feel safe.

Outbreaks can mean temporary business closure, so minimising risk will protect your business too.

### **4. Is it still table service or can people order and stand at the bar?**

There's no requirement for table service and people can order at the bar and eat or drink standing up. Again, you may want to monitor this, for example to make sure that there is adequate ventilation.

### **5. Do I have to display a QR code or ask for a COVID Pass?**

There is no legal requirement to display a QR code or for you to collect customers' contact details. However, continuing to do so is encouraged as this will support NHS Test and Trace and limit the rates of infection.

### **NHS COVID Pass**

The government is also recommending that high risk settings, such as nightclubs, use the NHS COVID Pass where people are likely to be in close proximity to each other.

From September, the government will undertake a review to assess the country's preparedness for autumn and winter and further changes may be published.

Further information is also expected from the government on the requirement to be vaccinated to attend events.

