

## UK Government COVID-19 Spring Roadmap

Full detail of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown can be found [here](#). We have included a readout below.

### Government objectives (page 11)

The Government's approach is based on the following objectives:

- To restore freedoms sustainably, equitably and as quickly as possible without putting unsustainable pressure on the NHS and to avoid a further lockdown.
- To deploy the vaccine as quickly as possible to maximise protections.
- To protect the public and NHS by having long-term contingency plans, including managing local outbreaks and variants.
- To support the economic recovery, including working with international bodies and partners

### Roadmap out of lockdown (page 29)

Before taking each step out of lockdown, the Government will review the latest data on the impact of the previous step against four tests. The tests are:

- The vaccine deployment continues successfully
- Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths.
- Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations or would place unsustainable pressure on the NHS.
- The Government's risk assessment is not changed fundamentally by the impact of new variants.

The following table outlines the four steps out of lockdown. Decisions on easing restrictions will be led by data rather than dates and therefore there will be at least a 5-week gap between each step.

Steps	Detail
<b>Step 1 (March)</b>	<p><i>8th March</i></p> <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schools and colleges open for all students<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Use of face coverings recommended in secondary education, high education and further education for a limited period to all indoor environments where 2m distancing is not possible.</li><li>○ Face coverings for primary and junior school staff and visitors where social distancing not possible.</li><li>○ Twice weekly testing of secondary and colleague pupils.</li></ul></li><li>• Practical higher education courses allowed</li></ul> <p>Social contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exercise and recreation outdoors with your household or one other person</li><li>• Only one household to mix indoors</li></ul> <p>Business &amp; activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wraparound care including sport for all children</li></ul> <p>Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay at home will continue, but amended to reflect new additions</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No holidays</li> </ul> <p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funerals up to 30 people</li> <li>• Weddings and wakes up to 6 people</li> </ul> <p><i>29th March</i></p> <p>Social contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rule of 6 or two households allowed to mix outdoors</li> <li>• Only one household to mix indoors</li> </ul> <p>Business &amp; activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organised outdoor sports (children and adults)</li> <li>• Outdoor sport and leisure facilities can open</li> <li>• All outdoor children’s activities can resume</li> <li>• Outdoor parent &amp; child groups (up to 15 parents) can resume</li> </ul> <p>Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise travel</li> <li>• No holidays</li> </ul>
<p><b>Step 2 (April)</b></p>	<p><i>No earlier than 12 April (at least five weeks after Step 1)</i></p> <p>Social contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rule of 6 or two households outdoors.</li> <li>• No household mixing indoors</li> </ul> <p>Business &amp; activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work from home where possible</li> <li>• Indoor leisure (and gyms) open for use individually or within household groups</li> <li>• All retail, outdoor attractions (e.g. zoos), libraries, personal care premises (e.g. hairdressers) and outdoor hospitality can open.</li> <li>• Funerals for up to 30 people and wedding receptions for up to 15 people</li> <li>• All children’s activities, indoor parents &amp; child groups (up to 15 parents)</li> </ul> <p>Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise travel</li> <li>• No international holidays</li> <li>• Domestic overnight stays (household only)</li> <li>• Self-contained accommodation (household only)</li> </ul> <p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event pilots begin</li> </ul>

<p><b>Step 3 (May)</b></p>	<p><i>No earlier than 17 May (at least 5 weeks after Step 2)</i></p> <p>Social contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30-person limit outdoors</li> <li>• Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to reviews)</li> </ul> <p>Business &amp; activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor hospitality can reopen under the following rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No requirement for a substantial meal to be served alongside alcoholic drinks, and</li> <li>○ No curfew required.</li> <li>○ 'Table service' will remain</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Indoor entertainment and attractions such as museums, cinemas and children's play areas can reopen</li> <li>• Organised indoor adult sport allowed</li> <li>• Remaining accommodation such as hotels, hostels and B&amp;Bs can reopen</li> <li>• The Government will continue to advise the public to work from home where they can</li> </ul> <p>Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic overnight stays</li> <li>• International travel (subject to review)</li> </ul> <p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most significant life events such as weddings, receptions, funerals can go ahead with up to 30 attendees</li> <li>• Remaining outdoor entertainment such as outdoor theatres and cinemas (including performances) can reopen</li> <li>• Some large events - capacity limits apply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indoor events (1,000 or 50%)</li> <li>○ Outdoor other events (4,000 or 50%)</li> <li>○ Outdoor seated events (10,000 or 25%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Step 4 (June)</b></p>	<p><i>No earlier than 21 June (at least 5 weeks after step 3)</i></p> <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All education back to normal</li> </ul> <p>Social contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No social distancing required</li> </ul> <p>Business &amp; activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remaining businesses, including nightclubs and theatres can reopen</li> </ul> <p>Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic overnight stays</li> <li>• International travel allowed</li> </ul> <p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No legal limit on life events such as weddings, funerals</li> <li>• Larger events allowed, including concerts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The re-opening of events such as nightclubs and other large events will be subject to "appropriate mitigations" and the outcome of the Events Research Programme.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Keeping people safe and responding to threats, including future of testing (page 45)

This section outlines further detail on the Government's approach in the coming months to testing and variants.

- *Behaviours* - The Government is emphasising that even as restrictions are lifted it is essential that everyone carries on with behaviours to reduce transmission: remembering 'hands, face, space' and letting fresh air in, getting a test on the first sign of symptoms and self-isolating if it is positive.
- *Variants* - Where a dangerous Variant of Concern is identified, the Government will take a highly precautionary approach, acting fast to address outbreaks. The Government is developing an enhanced toolkit of measures, including surge PCR testing, enhanced contact tracing, communications and targeted enforcement. The roadmap does not rule out re-imposing economic and social restrictions at a local or regional level if evidence suggests they are necessary to contain or suppress a variant which escapes the vaccine.
- *Testing* - As regular testing will have a key role to play in future, the Government is working to establish an effective private market for tests. The Government will set up new validation processes for new tests to the private market.

## Economic support (page 53)

This section outlines that the 3rd March Budget will mark the next stage in the Government's "Plan for Jobs" including further detail on economic support to protect jobs and livelihoods across the UK.

The approach will reflect the steps set out in the roadmap: as restrictions ease and the economy is gradually and safely reopened, the Government will carefully tailor the level of support to individuals and businesses to reflect the changing circumstances.

## Next steps and long-term transition (page 59)

Over time, scientists expect COVID-19 to become endemic, meaning the virus will reach a stable, and hopefully manageable level. It may however have seasonal surges.

The Government will ensure the country can live with the virus in the longer-term without imposing restrictions which bear heavy economic, social and health costs. It is therefore establishing four programmes of work to consider different aspects of how the UK should handle COVID-19 from summer onwards.

- *COVID status certification* - The Government will review whether COVID-status certification could play a role in reopening our economy, reducing restrictions on social contact and improving safety. COVID status certification involves using testing or vaccination data to confirm in different settings that people have a lower risk of transmitting COVID-19 to others. The Government will set out its conclusions in advance of Step 4.
- *Large events* - Over the spring the Government will run a scientific Events Research Programme. This will include a series of pilots using enhanced testing approaches and other measures to run events with larger crowd sizes and reduced social distancing. The pilots will start in April. Depending on the outcome of this work, the Government hopes to be able to lift restrictions on these events and sectors as part of Step 4.
- *International travel* - The Department for Transport will lead a successor to the Global Travel Taskforce, with an ambition to develop a framework that can facilitate greater inbound and outbound travel when possible, while still managing the risk from imported

cases and variants. The Taskforce will report to the Prime Minister and work with UK representatives of the travel sector, including airlines and airports. It will report on 12 April and provide recommendations. Following that, the Government will determine when international travel should resume, which will be no earlier than Step 3.

- *Social distancing - Ahead of Step 4, the Government will complete a review of social distancing measures and other long-term measures that have been put in place to limit transmission. The results of the review will help inform decisions on the timing and circumstances under which rules on 1m+, face masks and other measures may be lifted. The review will also inform guidance on working from home - people should continue to work from home where they can until this review is complete.*