

# THE GOVERNMENT'S ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

## STEP 1 - 8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges are open for all students and practical Higher Education courses.
- Recreation or exercise outdoors with household or one other person. No indoor mixing.
- Wraparound childcare.
- 30 guests allowed at funerals, six at wakes and weddings.
- Care home residents allowed one regular visitor.
- Stay at home.

29 MARCH

- Rule of six or two households outdoors. No indoor mixing.
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.
- Organised outdoor sport allowed - for children and adults.
- Minimise travel - no holidays.
- Outdoor parent and child groups with up to 15 parents.
- Stay local

On the basis of the Government's assessment of the current data against the four tests, Step 1 can proceed. Step 1 will start with schools on 8 March, and include some further limited changes on 29 March to allow families to meet outdoors as most schools break up for the Easter holidays. By the time Step 1 begins, those aged 70 and over and the clinically extremely vulnerable (JCV cohorts 1-4) will have received protection from their first dose of the vaccine.

## STEP 2 - NO EARLIER THAN 12 APRIL

- Indoor leisure, including gyms, open for use individually or within household groups.
- Rule of six or two households outdoors. No mixing indoors.
- Outdoor attractions reopen, such as zoos, theme parks, outdoor cinemas.
- Libraries and community centres reopen.
- Personal care premises reopen such as hairdressers.
- All retail.
- Outdoor hospitality such as beer gardens - table service.
- Self-contained accommodation - household only.
- Caravan sites could soon reopen
- Domestic overnight stays - household only.
- All children's activities, indoor parent and child groups up to 15 parents.
- 30 guests at funerals and wakes, 15 at weddings and receptions.
- Minimise travel. No international holidays.
- Event pilots begin.

As set out above, around four weeks is required to see the impact of the previous step in the data and the Government has committed to provide a further week's notice to businesses. Step 2 will therefore take place no earlier than 12 April, subject to an assessment of the data against the four tests. If Step 2 is delayed, subsequent steps will need to be pushed back in order to maintain the necessary five week period to assess the impact of each step and provide notice.

## STEP 3 - NO EARLIER THAN 17 MAY

- Indoor entertainment and attractions.
- Indoor hospitality - table service.
- Organised indoor adult sport such as exercise classes.
- 30 person limit outdoors, with rule of six or two households indoors - subject to review.
- Domestic overnight stays.
- 30 guests at most significant life events.
- Remaining outdoor entertainment including performances.
- Remaining accommodation.
- International travel - subject to review.
- Some large events with capacity limits.
- Social distancing limits eased.

## STEP 4 - NO EARLIER THAN 21 JUNE

- No limits on social contact.
- Nightclubs reopen.
- Larger events.
- No legal limit on life events.

Step 4 will take place no earlier than 21 June, and at least five weeks after Step 3, following a further review of the data against the four tests. As before, the Government will announce one week in advance whether restrictions will be eased as planned.

At every stage, our decisions will be led by data not dates. That means any decisions about moving from step to step will be subjected to four tests.

1. First, that the vaccine deployment programme continues successfully;
2. Second, that evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths;
3. Third, that infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS;
4. And fourth, that our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new variants of Covid that cause concern.