

Changes to local restrictions to tackle Coronavirus

As of Wednesday 14th October, restrictions in Calderdale are changing.

Calderdale has been identified as a Tier 2 area in the new national tiered approach to COVID-19 restrictions. (Announced by the Government on Monday 12th October 2020.)

There are three tiers in the new system:

- **Tier 1 - Medium Alert level.** The minimum level of restrictions applicable to all of England.
- **Tier 2 - High Alert level.** Applies in certain geographical areas or nationally. This is when there has been a rise in COVID-19 transmission, which cannot be contained through local responses.
- **Tier 3 - Very High Alert level.** Triggered in certain geographical areas or nationally when:
 - Tier 2 measures have not contained the spread of the virus;
 - or where there has been a significant rise in transmission.

The Tier 2 restrictions, which apply throughout Calderdale from Wednesday 14th October, are as follows. The main difference, compared to the previous local restrictions, is that more than one household, up to the [rule of six](#), can meet outdoors in private gardens and open spaces, as well as outside in hospitality, retail and leisure settings. However, more than one household must still **not** meet inside homes or indoors in hospitality, retail and leisure venues.

In addition to the national restrictions which apply to the whole country, in Calderdale these restrictions also apply:

- People must not socialise with anybody they do not live with in any indoor setting:
 - whether at home or in a public place;
 - unless they are in the same support bubble.
- People must not socialise in a group of more than 6 outside, including:
 - in a garden or other spaces like beaches or parks;
 - other than where specific exemptions apply in law.
- Businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those which remain closed in law.
- Certain businesses selling food or drink on their premises are required to close between 10pm and 5am:
 - Businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises, can continue to do so after 10pm;
 - as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through.
- Schools, universities and places of worship stay open.

- Weddings can go ahead with a maximum of 15 people.
- Funerals can take place with a maximum of 30 people. **Please note:** There can only be up to 15 people at the wake.
- Exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors. These are only permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not:
 - live with;
 - or share a support bubble with.
- People can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, for work or to access education. They should look to reduce the number of journeys they make where possible.
- Informal carers can provide care for children and vulnerable adults. Children under 14 can be cared for by people outside of their immediate household as part of a care bubble. Children's groups and supervised activities in private homes are permitted, as is registered and wraparound childcare.

It is important that we all follow these measures to do our bit to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Calderdale.

For more details, please read our FAQs:

Q Why have new restrictions been put in place?

Q How long will they be in place?

Q What are the tier 2 restrictions that apply in Calderdale?

Q Can I still meet people outside?

Q Can people from outside the affected area come and visit me at my house?

Q Can I leave the affected area, for example to go on holiday?

Q Can I visit Calderdale for a holiday?

Q Can I go to a place of worship?

Q Can I go to pubs, cafes and restaurants?

Q Can I still go to work?

Q Can I visit a care home?

Q What is a support bubble?

Q I live in Calderdale and care for a friend or relative, can I still go to their house?

Q I live in Calderdale and care for a friend or relative, can I move in with them to support them?

Q Can I still enter people's homes if I need to for work?

Q Can I still send my children to childcare?

Q Can friends or family visit my home to provide childcare?

Q I have been shielding, what should I do?

Q Can sports clubs/teams train and play?

Q Can weddings or civil partnerships still take place in Calderdale?

Q Can funerals still take place in Calderdale?

Q Can I travel in a car with someone I do not live with?

Q What can I do to help bring the infection rate down