

## **Latest Corona Virus information from ACRE**

### **Local Restrictions Tiers from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 as applied to village and community halls**

The local restrictions are set out here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>. The Government's Guidance for Community Facilities has been updated but does not yet cover all points.

- Village and Community Halls will be permitted to open in a COVID-19 secure manner, observing Hands – Face – Space.
- Indoors, the rule of 6 applies in tier 1; In tiers 2 and 3 social interactions – i.e. mixing or mingling – should only be within households/support bubbles. This also applies to places of worship.
- Christmas fayres and Santa's grottos are permitted in COVID-19 secure venues.
- Indoor exercise and dance classes and sports are permitted in tier 1 in accordance with the rule of 6, in tier 2 with social interactions limited to households/support bubbles. In tier 3 it is advised that indoor sports and exercise classes should not take place other than those involving individual household/bubbles. Organised sports must follow the guidance of their national governing body, which enables exemptions to apply. Informal sports can only take place within the legal gathering limits. Exceptions apply e.g. supervised activities for under 18s.
- Public attendance at indoor and outdoor performances, shows (e.g. school nativity plays, Christmas pantomimes) and sporting events is limited to 50% of capacity in tiers 1 and 2 but these events are not permitted at halls in Tier 3. Film shows, plays, concerts, spectators at sports events are not permitted in tier 3.
- There are slightly different rules for cafes and bars in tiers 1 and 2. In tier 3 takeaway, delivery or click and collect services only are permitted.
- Funerals may take place with 30 attending, wakes and similar events with 15. Weddings may take place with 15. Wedding receptions are permitted with 15 in tiers 1 and 2 but not permitted in tier 3.
- An exemption in all tiers on gathering limits applies for formal support groups, and parent and child groups – up to 15 people aged 5 and older.
- Outdoors the rule of 6 applies to all public spaces e.g. recreation fields, parks, public gardens.
- From 23 December to 27 December, people may choose to form a [Christmas bubble](#).
- On New Year's Eve the normal rules for the tier apply.

#### **Local restriction tiers by area**

This is the link to the list, which will be reviewed: [Full list of local restriction tiers by area](#).

**If your village halls committee needs support then please contact your local [ACRE Network member](#)**