

Herefordshire moves into Tier 3 **What does this mean?**

As of 00.01hours on Friday 31st December 2020, Herefordshire will move into Tier 3.

These are guidance notes issued by Herefordshire Council in the absence of clear national guidance for the hospitality sector.

The intention is to clarify to the reader the proportionate and pragmatic view Herefordshire Council and West Mercia Police will take in respect of the COVID-19 tier system.

To make it clear - this is only the opinion of the Council based on the information we have in our possession and is intend to provide the parameters which we expect business operators to follow.

Pubs, clubs and RESTAURANTS are required to close (off licence may stay open).

The only premises which can remain open are those providing a takeaway service.

The guidance states that:

- **hospitality settings, such as bars (including shisha bars), pubs, cafes, restaurants, and social clubs must close except for takeaway, delivery, drive-through and click and collect services. Takeaway must cease between 11pm and 5am**, but delivery, drive-through and click-and-collect may continue during this period. This includes restaurants and bars within hotels or members' clubs. (You should ensure that your licence permits off sales or delivery of food and/or alcohol).
- staff and customers must [wear a face covering](#) when moving about the premises, entering and exiting, unless they have an exemption
- **accommodation such as hotels, B&Bs, campsites, holiday lets and guest houses must close, other than where very limited exceptions apply**
- people must not meet socially indoors, in a private garden or most outdoor public venues with anybody they do not live with or have a support bubble with. Everyone who can work from home should do so
- people can see friends and family they do not live with (or do not have a support bubble with) in some public outdoor places – such as parks or public gardens in a group of up to 6

- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies, wedding receptions are not allowed, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, 15 people can attend linked commemorative events
- **indoor entertainment venues, such as casinos, bowling alleys, and bingo halls must close.** Outdoor entertainment venues, such as botanical gardens and heritage sites, may stay open, although indoor elements at these attractions must also close. Cinemas, theatres, and concert venues must close; except for drive-in events
- leisure and sports facilities may continue to stay open, but indoor group exercise classes (including fitness and dance) should not go ahead

Officers from Herefordshire Council and the Police carry out routine patrols to ensure compliance with the legislation. Fines via Fixed Penalty Notices, as well as improvement or prohibition notices can be issued, for breaches of the regulations. Please don't get caught out, these regulations are designed to protect us all and stop the spread of the virus.

Please remember that this guidance is based on the information we have at this time and the Council cannot be held responsible if this subsequently changes.

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