

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Closure Regulations THE HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS CLOSURE) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2020

The legislation can be read in full by reading The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020

[www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/350/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/350/made)

If you have started providing a takeaway service, please visit our website for our Guidance Coronavirus and your food business (link to the page created).

These regulations are made in response to the serious and imminent threat to public health which is posed by the incidence and spread of Coronavirus in England. The following businesses and premises must remain closed;

### Businesses and Premises that must remain closed

#### Food and Drink:

Business, Premises or Place	Exceptions
Restaurants	Food delivery and takeaway can remain operational.
Cafes	Food delivery and takeaway can remain operational.  Café or canteens at hospitals, care homes or schools; prison and military canteens; services providing food or drink to the homeless.  Workplace canteens can remain open if there is no other practical alternative
Public houses	
Bars – including bars in hotels or members' clubs	

#### Others

Any suitable premises in this category may be used for blood donor sessions

Business, Premises or Place	Exceptions
Cinemas, Theatres, Concert Halls, Museums and Galleries and Bingo Halls	Live streaming of a performance by a small group could be permissible with social distancing observed.
Nightclubs	
Casinos	
Betting Shops	

Spas	
Nail, beauty hair salons and barbers	
Massage Parlours	
Tattoo and Piercing parlours	
Skating rinks	
Indoor fitness studios, gyms, swimming pools, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, soft play areas or other indoor leisure facilities.	
Funfairs whether indoor or outdoor	
Playgrounds sports courts and outdoor gyms	
Outdoor markets	Except those selling food
Car Showrooms	
Auction Houses	
Hotels, hostels, bed and breakfast, holiday apartment, home cottage, bungalow, campsite, caravan park, and boarding houses	<p>The may remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where people are unable to return to their main residence;</li> <li>• Or live permanently in caravan parks;</li> <li>• Or are staying in caravan parks as interim abodes where their primary residence is not available;</li> <li>• or need accommodation while moving house;</li> <li>• or need accommodation while attending a funeral</li> </ul> <p><b>Keyworkers can continue to stay in hotels or similar where required.</b></p>
Community centres, youth centres and similar	Facilities may remain open for the purpose of hosting essential voluntary services or urgent public support such as food banks, support for homeless and vulnerable, blood donation sessions and support in an emergency.
Places of worship for services	Funerals following the social distancing guidance; live streaming or broadcast of an act of worship; essential voluntary services/public services – food bank, support for homelessness and vulnerable, blood donation sessions and support in an emergency.
Crematorium and burial grounds	Must remain closed to the public except for funerals or burials

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Any businesses **not** on the following list must cease offering goods for sale in a shop **except** for delivery through website, email, text, telephone or post.

- Food retailers including supermarkets, food markets, convenience stores and corner shops
- Off licences, licensed shops selling alcohol including breweries
- Pharmacies including non-dispensing pharmacies and chemists
- Newsagents
- Homeware, building supplies and hardware stores
- Dental services, opticians, audiology services, chiropody, chiropractors, osteopaths and other medical or health services including services relating to mental health
- Veterinary surgeons
- Pet shops
- Storage and distribution facilities including delivery drop off and collection for all businesses in this table
- Petrol stations
- Car repair and MOT
- Taxi or vehicle hire
- Banks, building societies, short term loan providers and cash points
- Post Offices
- Funeral Directors
- Launderettes and dry Cleaners
- Agricultural supplies shop
- Car parks and public toilets

### **Advice**

These Regulations will be enforced by Lewes District and Eastbourne Borough Council Environmental Health Officers, East Sussex Trading Standards Officers and Sussex Police.

For advice or complaints regarding non-food retailers and outdoor activities email ESCC Trading Standards on [trading.standards@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@eastsussex.gov.uk)

For all other categories email Lewes District and Eastbourne Borough Councils on [E.health ldc@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:E.health ldc@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk)

### **Enforcement**

If a business is found to be trading in contravention of the regulations, they may be subject to an enforcement notice prohibiting specified activities. If this is not complied with, fixed penalty notices may be issued. A prosecution may follow.

### **Social Distancing Guidelines for Business**

Retail and public premises which remain open must:

- Control entry of people into the shop, to ensure that the 2 metre rule can be observed for both customers and employees
- Maintain queue control outside of shops and other essential premises so that the 2 metre rule is observed by those waiting in the queue – customers must not be allowed to congregate or loiter
- Within the shop there must be 2 metre clearance between customers and employees

Food businesses may offer a takeaway service. To do this the following measures should be taken;

- Payment by direct electronic transfer or contactless payments – no cash
- Pre-order over the phone and pick up at specified time and location
- Customer waiting areas to be controlled, for example by demarcation of 2 metre square boxes
- Customers must not be allowed to congregate or loiter
- Frequent thorough cleaning and disinfection of all hand contact points in the waiting area

For further information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>