

# STAY ALERT ► CONTROL THE VIRUS ► SAVE LIVES

The government has announced that the hospitality sector can re-open from 4 July, as long as government guidelines are adhered to

It is important that businesses read and implement the government's guidance, which can be viewed at [www.dudleybusinessfirst.org.uk/reopening-your-business](http://www.dudleybusinessfirst.org.uk/reopening-your-business)

- You **MUST** complete a risk assessment prior to opening your business on 4th July. Measures need to be identified, recorded, implemented and shared with staff. You have an obligation under the Health & Safety Act to look after customers and staff
- The new legislation now covers indoor and outdoor space, including car parks; that you own/lease. You do not need a separate license to operate your business outdoors (applies to privately owned/leased land only)
- Customers should be encouraged to use the indoor and outdoor seating provided rather than stand
- Pavement permits can be applied for to put furniture on the public highway but businesses are only advised to apply if they are able to facilitate social distancing guidance. A pavement permit application form will be available on the council's Dudley Business First website soon
- Be a good neighbour. Think about where you install temporary outdoor seating avoiding any next to residential properties where you can and try to speak to any nearby neighbours about the changes you are making in advance of re-opening
- It is the business owner's responsibility to ensure that their outside areas do not become the focus of anti-social behaviour, for example, all litter is disposed of in the correct manner, noise nuisance where residential properties are close by or groups standing outside the business

This legislation will be in place/reviewed as and when government guidance is updated. In the meantime, please play your part in preventing a local lockdown or a second wave by adhering to the guidance and requirements.

## Virtual hub

Downloadable social distancing collateral for businesses to display in their premises, for both public and staff areas can be found here [www.dudleybusinessfirst.org.uk/reopening-your-business](http://www.dudleybusinessfirst.org.uk/reopening-your-business)

## Physical interventions in town centres and local centres

If your business is located in one of the four main town centres, please be reminded that physical measures have been introduced. Refer to the following link for updates about local centres [www.dudleybusinessfirst.org.uk/reopening-your-business](http://www.dudleybusinessfirst.org.uk/reopening-your-business)

Sign up to receive regular email updates at [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk)

## Councillor Patrick Harley, leader of the council, said:

"We are all pleased to see the return of our pubs, cafes and other eating and drinking premises. While we all want to get back to normal, we need to remember that we are not there yet - please play your part in preventing a local lockdown or a second wave by adhering to premises guidelines."



For the latest updates, Coronavirus advice and support and a list of helplines and useful contacts visit [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk)



## It's been a while since we've been able to enjoy leisure time in our pubs, cafes and other eating and drinking premises.

While the time has now come for the hospitality sector to re-open its doors to customers from July 4, it's important for the public to be aware of the following information:

- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Limit contact with other people
- Expect things to be different when you visit your local pub, café or restaurant for the first time
- Respect the social distancing measures that have been introduced, they are vital for keeping staff and customers safe
- Customers should be encouraged to use the indoor and outdoor seating provided rather than stand
- Each premise must have completed a risk assessment to re-open, which means customers have peace of mind that their safety and that of others has been taken into account, i.e. paying for drinks or using the toilet facilities
- Be kind - think of others, including the staff who are serving you and nearby residents
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms
- Wash your hands regularly

**Councillor Karen Shakespeare, cabinet member for environment, highways and street services, said:**

"I know it has been a difficult and worrying time for businesses in the hospitality sector over the past months but I'm sure you're as pleased as I am to know that the sector is able to reopen its doors from 4th July, following the government's announcement on 23rd June.

At this time, I would ask people to be good neighbours and to be kind to each other. I would also ask people to be mindful of any nearby residential properties and noise levels if seated outdoors.



Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all businesses well when they re-open."

## Travel advice

To find out the latest information about how to stay safe and stay apart on public transport visit: [wmnetwork.co.uk](http://wmnetwork.co.uk)



**FREE** parking is available on all council car parks until 1 August. You can find out more at [www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/emergencies/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-guidance/](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/emergencies/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-guidance/)

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