

TIER UPDATE 8 June 2021

Additional measures for people living in areas of England where variants of concern are spreading fastest

The Government has [announced additional measures](#) across Greater Manchester (Bolton (where further measures are already in place), Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Trafford, Tameside, Wigan) and all Lancashire County Council (Blackburn with Darwen (where further measures are already in place), Burnley (where further measures are already in place), Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Lancaster, Pendle, Preston, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire, Wyre) areas.

There is [extra guidance on steps](#) people can take, which includes minimising travel in and out of affected areas.

Further measures are already in place in Bedford, Blackburn with Darwen, Bolton, Burnley, Kirklees, Leicester City, Hounslow and North Tyneside.

Other updates

- First Minister [Nicola Sturgeon gave a statement](#) today in which she confirmed there would be no changes to COVID levels in Scotland.
- The UK [Government website has been updated](#) to reflect last week's announcement of countries moving between the red, amber and green lists.
- [Ministerial Directions in relation to the Event Research Programme pilot events](#) have been published for 2020 UEFA European Football Championships, Royal Ascot Races and LV= Insurance Test: England vs New Zealand. In order for these pilot events to take place, parts of The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/364) need to be disapplied by the Secretary of State for both DCMS and DHSC. This means relevant restrictions such as gathering, hospitality or the requirement to wear face masks can be disapplied at a specified premise or event and for specified periods for the purpose of research into the transmission of coronavirus in controlled environment.
- [A report has been published](#) using the results of the [Business Insights and Conditions Survey \(BICS\)](#) looking at the business performance in pubs and confidence levels from October 2020 onwards. Points from the report include:
 - In October 2020, 6% of landlords had "high confidence" that their establishments would survive beyond three months. By early February 2021, that proportion had dropped to its lowest recorded level of 1% and in May 2021, the percentage passed 20%.
 - At its peak in the November 2020 lockdown, 91% of pub and bar staff were on furlough. This number has since decreased to 55%.
 - This compares with overall 8% to 15% of staff on furlough in all other businesses during the same period, indicating the heavier reliance of pubs and bars on the scheme.
 - There is an increasingly downward trend of pub and bar staff on furlough since restrictions were lifted on beer gardens. Despite this, the percentage of staff that were on furlough has remained high.

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- **Treasury Select Committee – Economic Impact of Coronavirus**

The Treasury Select Committee held an evidence session yesterday looking at how well Government support has been able to provide a bridge for viable companies across the crisis back to recovery, and whether there will be an increase in insolvencies as the Government support withdraws. The Committee also looked at the Government's handling of the reopening of the economy, vaccine certificates and the ban on business rental evictions. This session saw evidence presented on the impact of coronavirus on the hospitality and travel sectors by Kate Nicholls and Mark Tanzer.

<https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/f1eed1e4-d89e-41f4-b049-743be49e2950>

- **What Are The Top 5 Skills You're Recruiting For?**

To help businesses solve the staffing crisis now impacting the tourism and hospitality sector, People 1st are asking businesses to let them know the top 5 skills that they are looking for. The results will be used to help inform those supporting young people into job opportunities now to identify and signpost individuals that possess the top skills businesses need and to influence colleges and providers on the most important skills needed to prepare for the workplace. The survey take only 30 seconds to complete.

<https://www.quiz-maker.com/QJQTJOG7U>

- **Airbnb Supports Statutory Registration**

One of the things that the Tourism Alliance has lobbied on as part of building back better is the need for a statutory registration scheme which, as well as helping ensure that businesses are operating in a safe and legal manner, would provide a mechanism to distribute information and support to businesses should another crisis such as coronavirus affect the industry. It is therefore heartening that Airbnb has changed its approach and is now supporting statutory registration with the publication of a new paper on this issue.

https://www.airbnb.co.uk/d/ukwhitepaper?set=bev_on_new_domain=1618329609_Bn0p

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