



The Government has just announced that Greater Manchester will remain in Tier 3 for a further period. This means that the hospitality sector must remain closed, unless offering a takeaway, click-and-collect, drive through or delivery service.

We don't have information regarding any business support that may be available, but as soon as we do, we will share it with you. We would hope to minimise the amount of paperwork by using the information we already hold for those eligible businesses. **PLEASE do not contact us, or the Council, for the time being.**

A reminder of what the tiers mean:

Across all tiers, everyone:

- must wear a face covering in most indoor public settings, unless they have an exemption.
- should follow the rules on meeting others safely.
- should attend school or college as normal, unless they are self-isolating.
- should walk or cycle where possible, plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes when travelling.
- must follow the gathering limits for their tier except for in specific settings and circumstances.

In tier 3:

- you must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any private garden or at most outdoor venues
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in some other outdoor public spaces, including parks, beaches, countryside accessible to the public, a public garden, grounds of a heritage site or castle, or a sports facility – this is called the 'rule of 6'
- Indoor entertainment and tourist venues must close. As must hospitality settings, such as bars (including shisha venues), pubs, cafes and restaurants – they are permitted to continue sales by takeaway, click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services.
- Leisure and sports facilities may open, but group exercise classes (including fitness and dance) should not go ahead, and saunas and steam rooms will close. Organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue, however higher-risk contact activity should not take place.

- Places of worship remain open, but you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees

More information about the restrictions in tier 3 can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know#very-high-alert>

Here is some useful information for the Christmas period – please share with staff, friends and families.

Creating a bubble for Christmas:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family>

Seven steps to celebrating Christmas safely – the council and health partners have developed a leaflet to help residents take care of themselves and each other, and stay safe throughout the festive season. I have attached it – please feel free to share.

2020 has been a difficult year, and everyone here at Rochdale Development Agency and Rochdale Council, recognises the huge effort our businesses and residents have made to help each other through it. New collaborations and partnerships have been made, helping the local economy, and the hope is that these will continue as we move into 2021.

From the whole team, can I wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Regards

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