



You will no doubt now be aware that from 00:01 on Friday 23rd October we will be in Tier 3 of lockdown measures. We are still waiting for the final details about the measures and the support that will be made available, but for now (10am Wednesday 21st October) this is what we know.

Restrictions will come in place for certain businesses with the baseline of measures being:

- certain businesses selling food or drink on their premises are required to close between 10pm and 5am
- businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- hospitality venues in ports, on transport services and in motorway service areas do not need to close at 10pm, but must not serve alcohol after that time
- pubs and bars must close; they can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant - which means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal; they may only serve alcohol as part of such a meal
- businesses must ensure that they operate in a COVID-secure manner, including restrictions on table service and group bookings
- certain businesses and venues are required to collect customer, visitor and staff data to support NHS Test and Trace
- the wearing of face coverings for customers and staff in certain indoor settings
- businesses must ensure that if their workers are required to self-isolate, they do not work outside their designated place of self-isolation
- businesses and venues must ensure people do not meet in their premises with people from outside of their household or support bubble
- businesses and venues that fail to comply with these restrictions may face fines of up to £10,000, prosecution, or in some cases closure

In addition to these baseline measures, the following businesses will not be allowed to open in Greater Manchester :

- casinos
- bingo halls
- betting shops
- adult gaming centres
- soft play areas

Please also check out : <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-very-high?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae> to see what other restrictions are in place.

Financial Support

We currently have information relating to 3 schemes that are already in place:

- [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#) (until 31 October)
- [Job Support Scheme](#) (from 1 November)
- [New Style Employment and Support Allowance](#)

We are aware there will be additional funding available for those business who have been mandated to close and as soon as that information is available we will share it.

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Regards

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