

Guidance for Nightclubs, Bars, Pubs and Restaurants – 20 March 2020

From 18.30 on March 20th the following restrictions will be in place across the Bailiwick of Guernsey:

- Nightclubs will have to close
- Bars that do not serve food will have to close, and
- Pubs and restaurants that serve prepared and plated food are also able to serve alcohol to their customers, provided that it is ancillary to the service of food

There are also new opening and licensing hours for those public houses still able to serve alcohol. The new opening hours for public houses with a standard licence are:

- 11:30am to 2.30pm, and 6.30pm to 10.30pm.
- During these opening hours, customers must be seated at tables and alcohol may only be served with, and ancillary to, a meal.
- Restaurants that serve alcohol can only serve during these same hours.
- Establishments that do not hold a licence, such as some cafés, are not affected.

This is a temporary measure to mitigate against the spread of coronavirus in the Bailiwick. Restaurants and pubs which do serve food will need to observe new restrictions, which would mean alcohol can only be served with prepared or plated food to customers sat at tables.

These temporary measures will be reviewed in 10 days' time. They are part of a response to delays in receiving the results of tests for coronavirus. Efforts to resume timely testing through the UK have been encouraging and it is expected the results of these tests will soon start coming back more quickly. Work to introduce on-island testing in April is also underway. The restrictions on licensed premises are part of a 'pause and assess' strategy, and once there is reliable data, and if it shows that community seeding is not occurring, it is hoped that the restrictions can be lifted.

Those members of the public that continue to visit pubs and restaurants for meals have a moral responsibility to ensure they observe social distancing. Social distancing will save lives. Guidance on what it means to social distance can be found here:

Coronavirus COVID-19

Social Distancing

AVOID

- ✘ Group gatherings
- ✘ Visits to bars/restaurants
- ✘ Sleep overs
- ✘ Playdates
- ✘ Visiting the elderly with children
- ✘ Crowded retail stores
- ✘ Gyms
- ✘ Visitors to the home
- ✘ Non essential workers in the home

USE CAUTION

- ⊖ Visits to supermarkets
- ⊖ Visits to the pharmacy
- ⊖ Visits to the GP
- ⊖ Traveling
- ⊖ Check on friends and family safely
- ⊖ Public transport

SAFE TO DO

- + Go for a walk
- + Jogging
- + Working in the home
- + DIY in and around the home
- + Reading
- + Going for a drive
- + Video calls
- + Phone calls

This is advice for social distancing, **not self-isolating.**
for the most up-to-date advice go to gov.gg/coronavirus



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The States of Guernsey and Guernsey Police will work with licensees to manage the introduction of these new restrictions, and monitor establishments to ensure they are observing the new rules.