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## **Government Covid-19 update - reopening of businesses and plan to release England from second lockdown**

The Prime Minister announced today the details of his FOUR-STEP PLAN set to release England from lockdown:

### **SUMMARY OVERVIEW**

#### **THE FOUR-STEP PLAN**

As part of the **FIRST STEP** of the plan for easing lockdown in England

- **From 8 March** - All schools will open with outdoor after-school sports and activities allowed
- Recreation in an outdoor public space - such as a park - will be allowed between two people, meaning they would be allowed to sit down for a coffee, drink or picnic
- **From 29 March** - Outdoor gatherings of either six people or two households will be allowed. It is understood this will include gatherings in private gardens. Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis or basketball courts will reopen and [organised adult and children's sport, such as grassroots football, will also return](#)

The **SECOND STEP from 12 April** would see:

- Non-essential retail opening, hairdressers and public buildings like libraries and museums
- Outdoor settings – e.g. alcohol takeaways, beer gardens, zoos and theme parks
- Indoor leisure – e.g. swimming pools and gyms
- Self-contained holiday accommodation, such as self-catering lets and camp sites

The review of international leisure travel restrictions would be announced by 12 April at the earliest. Funerals continue with up to 30 people, and weddings with up to 15 guests.

The **THIRD STEP from 17 May** - if the data allows:

- The "rule of six" abolished for outdoor gatherings, replaced with a limit of 30 people
- Two households can mix indoors - with the rule of six applied in hospitality settings like pubs
- Cinemas, hotels, performances and sporting events reopen - though social distancing remains
- Up to 10,000 spectators [can attend the very largest outdoor seated venues](#) like football stadiums
- Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions, funerals and wakes.

The Prime Minister added that this step would also "consider the potential role of Covid status certification" - which could refer to so-called "vaccine passports" - in helping indoor venues to reopen safely.

The **FOURTH STEP from 21 June** will potentially see all legal limits on social contact removed, with the final closed sectors of the economy reopened - such as nightclubs. The government said they hope - from this date – that the restrictions on weddings and funerals will also be abolished.

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