

From **Saturday 17 October at 00:01**, Lancashire will move from Local COVID Alert Level High to Local Alert Level **Very High**. These measures will be reviewed every 14 days to consider whether they are still appropriate.

We are keen to get your help to communicate the Covid Alert Levels and guidance with your networks and also to explain why it is important that we all follow the rules in place in our local areas.

Suggested activity

Please use your voice within your networks to emphasise how important it is to follow the new rules. We have suggested some activities below:

- Amplify the [press release](#) from the Department of Health and Social Care.
- Share the [Postcode checker](#) so people can find out what measures affect them,
- Share the [Local COVID alert level: very high guidance](#) with your networks
- Share your local Council's social media posts [@LancashireCC](#)
- Create content and share via your own and your network's channels including closed groups such as Whatsapp.

Please also let us know what else you need and how we can support you.

Key messages

- **New local restrictions, effective from Saturday 17 October at 00:01**, include:
 - People must not socialise with anybody they do not live with, or have formed a support bubble with, in any indoor setting or in any private garden or at most outdoor hospitality venues and ticketed events
 - People must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in an outdoor public space such as a park or beach, the countryside, a public garden or a sports venue
 - All pubs and bars must close, unless they are serving substantial meals
 - People should try to avoid travelling outside the very-high alert level or entering a very-high alert level area, other than for work, education or for caring responsibilities or to travel through as part of a longer journey
 - Residents should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK, and others should avoid staying overnight in the Very High Alert area
- In addition, from **Monday 19 October at 00.01**
 - The adult gaming industry, casinos, bingo halls, bookmakers and betting shops, and soft play areas must close.
 - Car boot sales will not be permitted
- **Existing national restrictions**
 - Hospitality for food and drink will be restricted to table service only.
 - Late night restriction of operating hours will be introduced, so leisure and entertainment venues will be required to close between from 10pm and 5am.
 - People will need to continue to comply with the 'rule of six' where it is against the law to meet people you do not live with in a group larger than six (apart from specific exemptions listed in the [national guidance](#))