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Introduction

At last, we are coming out of lockdown and returning to some sense of normality.

The government has now dramatically relaxed most of the restrictions that have been in force to date and members have been asking when meetings and events can commence.

At this moment in time all we can advise is 'very soon' but with caution.

There is as yet no clear end to the situation and no clear single guidance that covers the *whole* of the UK. What guidance has been issued thus far may be subject to change.

The situation changes very quickly, hence this guidance cannot be definitive and the situation may change at short notice in accordance with future government guidance and legislation.

The information below is taken from Government Advice and Guidance explaining the new restrictions and how they **may** apply to the activities of the NVTEC, its Groups and other similar organisations.

England

From the 19th July 2021 England has moved to step 4 of their lockdown easing road map. This means there will be NO limits on how many people can meet indoors or outdoors. However, businesses' can still impose their own safety measures, which they will require customers to follow.

The government is still urging caution whilst the cases are high and rising. Everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious. Key protection measures still need to be kept in place which includes;

- Testing when you have symptoms.
- Isolating when positive or when contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
- Wearing face coverings in crowded areas is still recommended

Members should be asked to self-assess for any symptoms before attending any meetings or Group events.

It is recommended that Groups keep a register of all participants in any meeting or event for 21 days after the meeting or event for Track and Trace purposes

There are no legal restrictions on the number who can meet indoors, although venues and premises where Groups meet may want to limit numbers and continue to adopt certain safety measures, such as mask wearing, social distancing, track and trace

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Groups must follow all Government Covid Guidance, such as social distancing, and also follow normal risk assessments when considering the health and safety of a meeting or an event.

Venues can undertake a health and safety risk assessment and introduce measures that they feel will reduce the risk of transmission of Covid and include this as a requirement of a Group meeting taking place.

Each Group must make its own decision whether it wishes to apply any additional measures or to use a venue that requires additional measures over and above the relevant government advice.

Scotland

From the 9th August in Scotland the guidance means there will be NO limits on how many people can meet indoors or outdoors. Face coverings are mandatory in most indoor public spaces and indoor communal areas. However, businesses' can still impose their own safety measures which they will require customers to follow.

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- Testing when you have symptoms.
- Isolating when positive or when contacted by NHS Test and Trace.

Members should be asked to self-assess for any symptoms before attending any meetings or Group events. They should also get a test if they or anyone in their household has symptoms.

There is an on-going requirement for Groups to keep a register of all participants in any meeting or event for 21 days after the meeting or event to assist Test & Protect to continue to contact-trace positive cases

There are no legal restrictions on the number who can meet indoors although venues and premises where Groups meet may want to limit numbers and continue to adopt certain safety measures, such as maintaining social distancing.

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Wales

From the 7th August Wales moved to Alert Level Zero. The guidance means there will be NO limits on how many people can meet indoors or outdoors, although face coverings will remain mandatory in most indoor public spaces and indoor communal areas. However, businesses' can still impose their own safety measures which they will require customers to follow.

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Northern Ireland

To determine the maximum number of people permitted to attend an indoor meeting the organiser must carry out a risk assessment.

Indoor gatherings of 15 people or fewer do not need a risk assessment.

The organiser must take all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the coronavirus and, if requested to do so by a relevant person, provide a copy of the risk assessment and an account of the reasonable measures taken.

Face coverings are mandatory in most indoor public spaces and indoor communal areas.

To determine the maximum number of people permitted to attend an outdoor gathering the organiser must carry out a risk assessment.

Outdoor gatherings of 30 people or fewer do not need a risk assessment.

The organiser must also take all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the coronavirus and, if requested to do so by a relevant person, provide a copy of the risk assessment and an account of the reasonable measures taken.

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References

Further information can be found on the various Government websites as follows;

England

Government Guidance

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support)

Health and Safety Executive Guidance

www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.htm

www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/working-safely/risk-assessment.htm

www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/assets/docs/risk-assessment.pdf

Scotland

Government Guidance

www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/

Wales

Government Guidance

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | Topic | GOV.WALES](https://www.gov.wales/coronavirus-covid-19)

Northern Ireland

Government Guidance

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) regulations and guidance: what they mean for you | nidirect](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-and-guidance-what-they-mean-for-you)

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