

## COVID-19 Coronavirus: legislation and guidance [16 December 2021]

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### Legislation and guidance

Legislation relating to coronavirus, some of which is listed below, is available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/coronavirus>. This includes the three principal relevant primary legislative instruments, and links to [secondary legislation](#) and [legislation originating in the EU](#) containing “coronavirus” in the title. There are links to pages listing the legislation that has been changed by this primary and secondary coronavirus-related legislation. Additionally, this web page also provides links to the guidance on coronavirus in [England](#), [Wales](#), [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

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### *Legislation*

#### *England*

Two key items of primary legislation contain emergency powers relating to coronavirus and health protection in England.

- [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#)
- [Public Health \(Control of Disease\) Act 1984 \(c. 22\)](#)

From 29th March 2021 the health protection restrictions in England are as set out in the following regulations:

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Steps\) \(England\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/364\)](#)

These regulations set out the three Steps, or stages, for the gradual easing of restrictions, with different severity levels of restriction for each Step. The restrictions for Step 1 can be found in [Schedule 1](#), Step 2 in [Schedule 2](#), and Step 3 in [Schedule 3](#). [Schedule 4](#) of the regulations lists the areas of England which are under each Step, and this list will be amended as areas move from one Step to another. The regulations also impose restrictions on travel outside of the United Kingdom.

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/568\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(No. 3\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/750\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/791\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc. and Related Requirements\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1005\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Self-Isolation\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1045\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Local Authority Enforcement Powers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1375\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Steps and, SI 2021/455](#). These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021 (“Steps Regulations”), to move England from the Step 1 area to the Step 2 area, so that the restrictions set out in Schedule 2 to the Steps Regulations apply in England with effect from 12th April 2021, the date on which these Regulations come into force.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Steps and Local Authority Enforcement Powers\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/455](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#). The move in England from the Step 1 area to the Step 2 area.
- [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Suspension: Temporary Judicial Commissioners, Urgent Warrants, and Disposal of Bodies\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/486](#). These Regulations suspend two sections and two parts of a Schedule to the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c.7).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/670](#). This instrument removes Portugal (including the Azores and Madeira) from the list of category 1 countries and territories referred to as “Green List” countries and territories. This instrument adds other countries to the 2’red list’.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\)\(Steps and Other Provisions\) \(England\)\(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/705](#). These amend the Steps Regulations 2021, to extend the date on which the Regulations expire to the end of 18th July 2021; they remove most limits on the numbers who may attend a wedding or civil partnership, a reception for a wedding or civil partnership, or a commemorative event following a person’s death, and amend the power of disapplication of the Secretary of State in regulation 9.

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Steps etc.\) \(England\) \(Revocation and Amendment\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/848](#). See L&RUK post, *infra*.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Self-Isolation\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/851](#). From Aug 16th anyone not 14 days post 2nd vaccine will be still subject to self-isolation. See Adam Wagner's [Twitter thread](#).
- [The Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2021, Draft SI](#). Provisions re: care homes and mandatory two dose vaccination, coming into effect 16 weeks after Regulations are made.
- [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Early Expiry\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/856](#). These Regulations provide for the expiry of twelve sections of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c. 7). There are seven devolved sections, sections 8, 9 and 25 to 29, for which the Secretary of State has obtained the necessary consent to expire on behalf of Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Self-Isolation\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/864](#). These Regulations correct an error in the commencement provisions of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021. The effect is to ensure that the amendment made by regulation 2(2)(a) of those Regulations (which provides that the exemption from the duty to self-isolate for the purpose of posting Coronavirus tests is extended to include tests for antibodies) comes into force on 19th July 2021.
- House of Lords & House of Commons, Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments: [Rule of Law Themes from COVID-19 Regulations – First Special Report of Session 2021–22](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 7\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/914](#).
- House of Commons Library: [Coronavirus: lockdown laws](#), (updated 30 July 2021).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Self-Isolation\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/851](#). Also [Explanatory Memorandum](#). As from 16 August 2021, the following people are not required to self-isolate if they have come into contact with a person who has tested positive for coronavirus – (a) a person who has received a complete course of the coronavirus vaccination, provided that the contact takes place more than 14 days after they have completed their course of vaccinations; (b) a person who has taken part in a vaccine trial; (c) a person who can provide evidence that for clinical reasons they should not be vaccinated, and; (d) a child.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 8\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/923](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 9\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/966](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 12\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1066](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#).

- [Public Health England \(Dissolution\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/974](#). As from 1 October 2021, Public Health England was replaced by [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\)](#) and the [Office for Health Improvement and Disparities](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 13\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1107](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 14\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1130](#).
- [The Births and Deaths Registration \(Electronic Communications and Electronic Storage\) Order 2021, SI 2021/1231](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) \(England\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1340](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Self-Isolation\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1338](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 19\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1323](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 20\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1331](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 21\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1339](#).
- [Designation \(No. 1\) under the Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) \(England\) Regulations 2021](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 23\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1371](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Self-Isolation\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 5\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1382](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1400](#). and [Explanatory Memorandum](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 25\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/1449](#).
- [The Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) \(Coronavirus\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/](#).

#### *Wales*

- [The Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) \(Coronavirus\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/](#).

Two key items of primary legislation contain emergency powers relating to coronavirus and health protection in Wales.

- [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#)
- [Public Health \(Control of Disease\) Act 1984 \(c. 22\)](#)

These regulations set out the current restrictions in Wales.

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1609\)](#)

There are three key health protection regulations that apply to everyone in Wales.

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/574\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Wales etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/595\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(Functions of Local Authorities etc.\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1011\)](#)

Also

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 5\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/454 \(W.144\).](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 7\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/457 \(W. 154\).](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 8\) Regulations 2021, SI 2021/502 \(W.150\).](#) Various amendments to the “principal Regulations”, S.I. 2020/1609 (W. 335).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 10\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/583 \(W. 160\)](#) Whole of Wales moves from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2, meaning that the restrictions and requirements in Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations take effect; and other related provisions
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 11\) Regulations 2021, WSI 668 \(W.169\).](#) The Regulations provide that the whole of Wales moves from Alert Level 2 to Alert Level 1 from 6.00 a.m. on 7 June 2021.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 12\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/686 \(W.172\).](#) These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1609 (W. 335)) (“the principal Regulations”). The amendment clarifies the effect of the prohibition on organising events in paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information to Travellers\) \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/863 \(W.202\).](#) Regulation 3 amends regulation 2 of the International Travel Regulations to introduce a new definition in relation to vaccinated travellers and others. It also makes a minor consequential amendment to move an existing definition within those Regulations.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 14\) Regulations 2021, 2021/862, \(W.201\).](#) These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1609 (W. 335)) (“the principal Regulations”); amend Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (which sets out the restrictions and requirements that currently have effect in Wales as an Alert Level 1 area).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/293 \(W.211\).](#)

- [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Suspension: Transportation, Storage and Disposal of Dead Bodies etc\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/1042 \(W. 244\).](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 11\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/1126 \(W.273\).](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 18\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/1131 \(W.274\).](#) Self-isolation and contact tracing amendments.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information to Travellers\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/1342 \(W.346\).](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 21\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/1363 \(W. 358\).](#) Changes to self-isolation in Wales.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No. 5\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 21\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/1363 \(W. 358\).](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\)\(Wales\)\(Amendment\) \(No. 17\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/o1366 \(W. 361\).](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information to Travellers\) \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2021, WSI 2021/ 1369 \(W. 362\).](#)

### *Scotland*

Four key items of primary legislation contain emergency powers relating to coronavirus and health protection in Scotland.

- [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#)
- [Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(asp 7\)](#)
- [Coronavirus \(Scotland\) \(No.2\) Act 2020 \(asp 10\)](#)
- [Public Health etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2008 \(asp 5\)](#)

These regulations set out the current restrictions in Scotland.

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/344\)](#)

These regulations set out the five local Levels of restriction in Scotland, from Level 0 to Level 4, with different severity levels of restriction for each Level. The Levels apply to areas in Scotland as specified in [Schedule 6](#) of the regulations. As areas are moved in or out of Levels, they will be added or removed from the lists, and the text of Schedule 6 will be amended accordingly.

There are two key health protection regulations that apply to everyone in Scotland.

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/169\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/170\)](#)

Also

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 23\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/209](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 26\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/227](#) and [Policy Note](#).
- [The Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Early Expiry of Provisions\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/236](#). These Regulations expire the following provisions in schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020. The expiry takes effect on 14 June 2021.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 13\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2-21/237](#). These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (“the International Travel Regulations”).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 27\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/238](#). These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 5\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/264](#). Regulation 4 inserts a new regulation 2A into the International Travel Regulations to define an “eligible vaccinated arrival”.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 32\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/263](#). Paragraph 3 of schedule 1 of the principal Regulations requires a person responsible for a place of worship, carrying on a business or providing a service in a Level 0 area to take measures to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that the required distance is maintained between any persons on its premises, or waiting to enter its premises, except between persons mentioned in paragraph 3(2) of schedule 1.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/227](#), extracts in post, *infra*.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 7\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/278](#).
- [The Coronavirus \(Extension and Expiry\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Evidence\) \(Saving Provision\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/280](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021, SR 2021/299](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 4\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/357](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 10\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/443](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 4\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/453](#).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 11\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/454](#). Regulation 3 includes Nigeria in schedule 1 as a red list country.

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 12\) Regulations 2021, SSI 2021/455.](#)

### *Northern Ireland*

Two key items of primary legislation contain emergency powers relating to coronavirus and health protection in Northern Ireland.

- [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#)
- [Public Health Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1967 \(c. 36\)](#)

These regulations set out the current restrictions in Northern Ireland.

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(No. 2\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/150\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/93.](#) These Regulations revoke and replace the health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020, with savings.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/96.](#) These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 in order to require members of the public to wear face coverings whilst inside a church or other premises where beliefs are practiced.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/96.](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/97.](#) Amendments re: providing for a click and collect service to be provided by non-essential retailers, allowing certain visitors to venues hosting wedding or civil partnership ceremonies, allowing up to ten people to meet outside at a private dwelling.
- [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Suspension\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/98.](#) This Order suspends provisions in Part 2 (modifications of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986) of Schedule 10 to the Coronavirus Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”).
- [The Mental Health \(1986 Order\) \(Amendment No. 2\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/101.](#) This Order varies the length of the period which must elapse for a second opinion to be required for the continued administration of medicine to detained patients from six months to three months.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(Amendment No. 3\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/117.](#) These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 in relation to the carrying out of certain educational activities and seating at hospitality premises
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(Amendment No. 6\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/151.](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(Amendment No. 4\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/154.](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(Amendment No. 5\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/218.](#) “a new exempt category for



Seasonal Agricultural Workers who can claim an exemption from post-arrival testing and self-isolation when undertaking the exempt activity, if they have travelled from an amber list country.”

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers\) \(Amendment No. 4\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/225.](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers\) \(Amendment No. 5\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SP 2021/230.](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(Amendment No. 14\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/233.](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(2021 Consolidation\) \(Amendment No. 6\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/241.](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(Amendment No. 17\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, NISR 2021/283.](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(2021 Consolidation\) \(Amendment No. 10\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/313.](#) Changes relating to Angola and Zambia.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers\) \(Amendment No. 10\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/316.](#) Testing regime for eligible non-red list arrivals, and self-isolation regime for eligible non-red list arrivals.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(2021 Consolidation\) \(Amendment No. 8\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/293](#) The amendments provide for the use of LFD tests and the consequences of the results of such tests.
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There are three key health protection regulations that apply to everyone in Northern Ireland.

- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/90\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Northern Ireland\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/97\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/151\)](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(Amendment No. 4\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 130.](#) Relaxation of provisions on outdoor gatherings.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(Amendment No. 3\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR 2021/132.](#)
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings\) \(Amendment No. 2\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021, SR2021/131](#)

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Other legislation with impacts on COVID-19

- [Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981, c45](#). Travellers who try to evade strict new quarantine rules by failing to declare they have visited a “red list” country may be charged under the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. The implication in the use of existing legislation is that parliamentary scrutiny on this aspect of its uses likely to be limited.
- [The Exercise of Commissioning Functions by the NHS Commissioning Board \(Coronavirus\) Directions 2020](#). Statutory Guidance, Directions given to the National Health Service Commissioning Board. These directions enable NHS England to commission healthcare from independent sector providers to support the provision of services by the NHS to address the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency. This power will last until 31 March 2021 (21 December 2020). The updated Directions are: [The Exercise of Commissioning Functions by the National Health Service Commissioning Board \(Coronavirus\) \(No. 3\) Directions 2020](#).
- [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Statutory Storage Period for Embryos and Gametes\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020, SI 2020/566](#)
- [The Registration of Births and Deaths \(Coronavirus\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020, SI 2020/577](#). Applicable England and Wales.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Hospitality Undertakings\) \(England\) Regulations 2020, SI 2020/1008](#). Require certain undertakings in the hospitality industry, to take measures to ensure that their customers follow the rules on social distancing.
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc and Related Requirements\) Regulations 2020, SI 2020/1005](#).
- [The Fatal Accidents Act 1976 \(Remedial\) Order 2020, SI 2020/1023](#) Section 1A of the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 (c.30) (the “Act”) provides for a fixed sum of bereavement damages to be awarded to a limited category of persons in the event of a fatal accident caused by by wrongful act, neglect or default

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## Guidance

### *England – Guidance*

- [Section 58 and Schedule 28 to the Coronavirus Act 2020: Local death management](#), MHCLG, (18 April 2020).
- [Evidence of environmental dispersion of COVID-19 for different mechanisms \(14 April 2020\)](#) .SAGE document. (26 May 2020)
- [Environmental Influence on Transmission of COVID-19](#), [Original version], a 24-page report compiled by the Environmental and Modelling Group for the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies. Current version, 15 pages, [here](#) (26 May 2020)
- [Legionnaires’ disease: national surveillance scheme](#): HSE Press release with links to guidance on the control and prevention of Legionnaires’ disease in England, including disease surveillance and reporting forms, HSE. (2 June 2020).
- [COVID-19: suggested principles of safer singing](#), PHE, (20 November 2020).
- [Local authority powers to impose restrictions: Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(England\) \(No 3\) Regulations 2020](#), revised to include new powers that enable all local authorities to take action against specific offences where premises are

not operating in a COVID-secure manner, through issuing formal requests for rapid improvement. DHSC, (updated 10 December 2020).

- [\*Powers for local authorities\*](#). College of Policing. (8 January 2021).
- [\*COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities\*](#). MHCLG, (Updated 5 January 2021).
- [\*Tier 4 National lockdown\*](#). College of Policing. (20 January 2021).
- [\*COVID-19: guidance for arranging or attending a funeral during the coronavirus pandemic\*](#). Updated guidance for the period of national lockdown. DHSC ad PHE. (22 January 2021).
- [\*Government to introduce tougher measures and enforcement rules for quarantined passengers\*](#), DHSC, Tough new enforcement measures – from fixed penalty notices to imprisonment – will come into force on Monday 15 February. (9 February 2021).
- [\*How to stop the spread of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)\*](#), PHE, (3 February 2021).
- [\*COVID-19: guidance for care of the deceased\*](#) , includes: Guidance for faith and belief practices that involve close contact with the deceased, and; Management of a funeral. (4 February 2021).
- [\*Booking and staying in a quarantine hotel when you arrive in England\*](#). DHSC, How to book a place in a quarantine hotel and arrange coronavirus (COVID-19) tests if you're travelling to England from a country on the banned travel list. (11 February 2021).
- [\*PM statement to the House of Commons on roadmap for easing lockdown restrictions in England: 22 February 2021\*](#), (22 February 2021).
- [\*Coronavirus reopening roadmap: comment from the Bishop of London\*](#), (22 February 2021).
- [\*January's coronavirus review findings\*](#). Details of the findings of the Crown Prosecution Service review for completed prosecutions in January under the Coronavirus Act and Health Protection Regulations. Adam Wagner [notes](#) that 25% of cases prosecuted under coronavirus regulations wrongly charged – 100% of cases Coronavirus Act wrongly charged. CPS. (22 February 2021).
- [\*COVID-19 Response – Spring 2021\*](#). This COVID-19 Response sets out how the Government will continue to protect and support citizens across the UK and provides a roadmap out of the current lockdown in England. The Devolved Administrations are setting out how lockdown will be eased in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. HMG. (22 February 2021).
- **House of Lords** [\*The Lord Bishop of Leeds\*](#), "...Can the Minister offer a roadmap for when singing by choirs and congregations will once again be allowed, with sufficient time to prepare?"; [Lord Bethel](#), "...we will be led by public health advice in this matter. I do not have a date for his roadmap, I fear, but his considerations are very much understood in the department." (4 March 2021).
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- [Guidance to local authorities and places of worship on solemnization of marriages the forming of civil partnerships and alternative wedding ceremonies](#). Welsh Government, Level 4 guidance to local authorities, approved premises and places of worship on the impact of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 on solemnization of marriages and the forming of civil partnerships and related wedding ceremonies. (23 December 2020).

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#### Church of England

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*Advice and guidance.*

The Church's website has produced a number of FAQs which are available at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance for churches](#). The FAQs are under the following headings, which are subject to change according to circumstances:

- FAQs [5]
- Prayer and worship [8]
- Life events [3]
- Community Support [3]
- Fabric and building access [3]
- Nurseries and early years provisions [1]
- Finance and governance [3]
- Safety, safeguarding and wellbeing [4]

These FAQs do not have unique URLs and some scrolling is therefore necessary. However, there is an internal link to “FAQs” and a “Version log” which lists updates made to the page from Wednesday 27 May at 10:40, with the most recent listed first.

## Documents

### Guidance

- [Last updated: Thursday 22 July, 16.35](#)
  - New Q&A added “*What is the Church of England’s position on ‘vaccine passports’?*”
  - The [Press Release](#) issued after the Zoom meeting of the House of Bishops on 26 July 2021 includes the following statement:

“The Bishop of London, in her capacity as Chair of the Recovery Group (now concluded) then updated the House on what is now permissible since 19th of July and confirmed that she and her colleagues will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation carefully as it continues to evolve.”

- [Updated Monday May 17, 16:36](#)

“The changes in guidance which come into effect today represent a relatively modest step along the road of easing restrictions affecting places of worship in common with many other public places”. *With regard to singing, this revised guidance for the “eased restrictions” of Step 3 is more restrictive than that for Step 2.*

- [Four step government roadmap](#), (March 2021).
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- [COVID-19 Advice on Face Coverings v3.1](#). Update from version 3: an additional link and paragraph in point 4 has been added to highlight the use of cards and badges for exemptions from wearing face masks. (8 December 2020).
- [COVID-19 Advice for the conduct of Confirmation services, v4.5](#). Reviewed following the announcement by the Government of a new national lockdown on the 4th January.(12 January 2021).
- [Pastoral Encounters During COVID-19](#),The House of Bishops Recovery Group, v1, (14 July 2020)
- [Keeping Church Buildings Clean, v.3](#). Updates from version 2: This version contains new questions on deep cleaning, and updated simplified advice on general cleaning. (2 December 2020).
- [Guidance for PCCs, incumbents and cathedral Chapters: opening church buildings for works to the building and interior](#), (8 December 2020).
- [Guidance on permissions for temporary works in churches and cathedrals, v1.1](#). (8 December 2020).
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- [COVID-19 Advice on pastoral support in the community, including care homes, V2.1](#). Reviewed in the light of the new national lockdown announced on the 4th January. (12 January 2021).

- [COVID-19 Receiving Holy Communion in both kinds by simultaneous administration, v1.2](#). Update from version 1.1: the document has been reviewed following the announcement of a new national lockdown on the 4th January, but has not been changed. (12 January 2021).
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- [COVID-19 Personal Risk Factors for Clergy, Church Workers and Volunteers risk factors to clergy, church workers and volunteers, v2.1](#). Reviewed in the light of the new national lockdown announced on the 4th January. (8 January 2021).
- [Guidance on permissions for temporary works in churches and cathedrals, v1.1](#). Update from version 1.0: the document has been reviewed but no major changes have been made.. (8 December 2020).
- [COVID-19 Advice on pastoral support in the community, including care homes, V2.1](#). Reviewed in the light of the new national lockdown announced on the 4th January. (8 January 2021).
- [Guidance on mental health and wellbeing and Coronavirus](#), undated, (URL, 12 March)
- [COVID-19 Personal Risk Factors for Clergy, Church Workers and Volunteers risk factors to clergy, church workers and volunteers, V2.1](#). Reviewed in the light of the new national lockdown announced on the 4th January. (8 January 2021).
- [Safeguarding and COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#), National Safeguarding Team, (17 April).
- [COVID-19 NHS Test & Trace Data v. 4.1](#). Changes from version 4.0: changes in Government guidance indicate that the contact details of every member of a group should be collected rather than those of one member unless they have recorded their attendance using the NHS Test & Trace app.(31 March 2021).
- [COVID-19 Church Heating, v 1.1](#). Updates from version 1.0: The document has been reviewed but no major changes made. (8 December 2020).
- [COVID-19 Livestreaming Worship, v 1.1](#). Document checked and updated: – Text streamlined; – Link included at the end of this document to regularly updated page on the Church of England website. This is now the key point of reference for this topic area. (8 December 2020).
- [COVID-19 Receiving Holy Communion in both kinds by simultaneous administration, V1.2](#). Update from version 1.1: the document has been reviewed following the announcement of a new national lockdown on the 4th January, but has not been changed. (12 January 2021).
- [COVID-19 Advice for Clergy Conducting Baptisms, V4.7](#), (17 May 2021).
- [COVID-19 Advice for Conducting Funerals, V5.9](#), (16 June 2021).
- [COVID-19 Advice on Individual Prayer by Members of the public in Church Buildings, V6.1](#), (17 May 2021).
- [COVID-19 Permitted Activities from 17th May 2021 under 'Step 3', V.1.1](#), (17 May 2021).

- [COVID-19 Advice on the Conduct of Public Worship, V.4](#), Update on version 3.3: on the 18 May the Government introduced new guidance on Performing Arts. The information on singing has been updated to include this. (19 May 2020)
- [COVID-19 Advice for clergy conducting weddings, V6.3](#), Updates from version 6.1: in line with updated Government guidance on social contact from the 17th May; updated the special provisions for the service (4) relating to the entrance of the bride, (16 June 2021).
- [Update on singing in churches](#), News Release: “We are reminding the Government of the importance we place on singing to lift our prayers to God, and look ahead to step four and the enabling of the singing of choirs and congregations to fill our churches and cathedrals once more.” (24 May 2021).
- [Coronavirus restrictions update – response from the Bishop of London](#) 14 June 2021 at 19:25.
- [Updated Thursday June 17, 16:58](#): Updates following concessions to numerical limits for weddings and commemorative events which come into effect on Monday 21 June. Updated documents:
  - [COVID-19 Advice on the Conduct of Public Worship, v3.6](#). (30 June 2021).
  - [COVID-19 Advice for clergy conducting weddings, v6.3](#), (16 June 2021).
  - [COVID-19 Advice for Conducting Funerals, v5.9](#), (16 June 2021)
- [Covid-19: Bishop Sarah’s tribute to sacrifices of many as Government prepares to lift restrictions](#). Bishop Sarah’s tribute ends: “We will await the new Government advice for places of worship and adapt our guidance to churches accordingly.” (5 July 2021)
- [Risk Assessment Template for Opening Church Buildings to the Public, V9.1](#). (5 July 2021).
- Updated Friday 16th July, 16.52pm
  - [Opening and managing church buildings in step 4 of the Roadmap out of Lockdown, V.1](#), (19 July 2021);
  - [COVID-19 NHS Test & Trace Data, V.5](#);
  - [Risk Assessment Template for Opening Church Buildings to the Public, V.10](#); and
  - [Bishop of London urges caution and pays tribute to vaccinators as restrictions lift](#), 16/07/2021.
- Updated: Friday 10 December, 15:11
  - Updated [Risk Assessment for Opening Church Buildings to the Public during Coronavirus \(COVID-19\), V10.1](#) to take account of the legal requirement to wear face coverings.§

Update: Thursday 9 December, 17.20

Updated documents:

- [COVID-19 Opening and managing church buildings, v 2.3](#) Update on version 2.2: The arrival of a new variant of the coronavirus, omicron, has prompted the government to move into its winter plan B. This guidance has been

revised to take into account the additional measures with face coverings which apply to places of worship. (9 December 2021).§

- [\*Press Release: Hope at the heart of Christmas: Bishop of London's message as second pandemic Christmas approaches\*](#), (9 December 2021).§

**Update: Wednesday 8 December, 18.20§**

We note the Prime Minister's statement on developments relating to the omicron variant of Covid-19. We will study the detail and update further tomorrow (9 December).§

**Update: Tuesday 30 November, 16.23**

Following the publication of [Government guidance](#) on face coverings, advice for churches has been updated.

- Updated guidance on opening churches - [COVID-19 Opening and managing church buildings, v 2.2](#).§
- Comment from the Bishop of London - [Press Release: Omicron variant of Covid-19](#), (29/11/2021).§

### Resources

- *Church reopening poster* ([Word](#) | [PDF](#))
- [\*Risk assessment template for contractors and construction workers\*](#)
- [\*Risk assessment template for opening church buildings\*](#)
- [\*Risk assessment Template for Outdoor Worship\*](#)
- [\*Test and Trace consent form template\*](#)
- [\*Test and Trace online privacy notice template\*](#)
- [\*Test and Trace privacy notice template\*](#)

### Further reading

- [\*Churches' community action\*](#)
- [\*Crisis, scarcity and Christian ethics - a note for chaplains\*](#)
- [\*Responding to Human Need by Loving Service - The Third Mark of Mission\*](#)
- [\*Spiritual communion\*](#)
- [\*Wellbeing of clergy and lay ministers\*](#)
- [\*Holy Communion and the distribution of the elements\*](#)
- *Mental Health Support Charities.*

The below *Marking our communities* resources have been prepared by The Liturgical Commission:

- [\*Prayers of lament, thanksgiving and restoration\*](#)
- [\*Remembering and Memorials\*](#)

Association of English Cathedrals (AEC)

- **Cathedral Closures Update:** [\*An update of cathedral closures January 2021.\*](#)

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**Other churches and faith organizations**



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#### *FIEC*

- **John Stevens, National Director of FIEC:** [Coronavirus: Summary of Meeting With Minister Of Faith And Officials – Clarification On Weddings, Congregational Singing And Social-Distancing](#). “Provided the vaccination programme continues to bring the virus under control, there is the prospect of a return to much greater normality, including congregational singing, after June 21, but it is impossible to give a cast-iron assurance that this will be the case.” (10 March 2021).

#### *Church of Scotland*

There is a wide range of advice from the Church of Scotland:

- [Guidance for congregations with employees](#). Updated 27 October.
- [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) advice](#), (updated 14 August)
- [Covid – 19 Guidance reopening church buildings V1 June 2020](#)
- [Covid-19 \(Coronavirus\) Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist](#)
- [CoS Church buildings Covid19 Risk Assessment V1](#)
- [Guidance on reshaping church life and reopening and looking after church buildings](#). Two-part guidance, [Reshaping Church Life](#) and [Reopening and Looking after your Church Buildings](#) updated to reflect the change in physical distancing from 2m to 1m. Also, on the Assisting NHS Test and Protect Strategy page the [Appendices](#) have been updated. (13 July 2021).
- [Guidance for the safe operation of church buildings, worship, events and support services during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). (2 December 2021).

#### *Scottish Episcopal Church*

- [Bishops’ statement on re-opening of churches](#), “We cannot accept that this Sunday, those who can reach a church building are worshipping while those still unable to mix with others, but who join them online, are not worshipping...We disagree with the claim made during Judicial Review that these commitments do not represent worship”. (26 March 2021).
- [Coronavirus updates and resources](#) (updated 10 December 2021).
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (Version 11 – 9.12.21).
- [Revised Guidance](#) (Version 9 – 5.11.21.)

#### *Churches in Wales*

- [Guidance for Places of Worship](#), Church in Wales, (23 October).
- [Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) guidance](#): Guidance from the Bench of Bishops, (9 November 2020).
- [Covid 19 Guidance Amber Phase](#): (9 November 2020). This is the main guidance document on how to open churches safely.
- [Covid 19 Guidance Marriages and Funerals](#), (9 November 2020).
- [Guidance on Celebrating Holy Communion](#), (9 November 2020).
- [Guidance on Conducting Baptisms](#), (9 November 2020).

- [Guidance on Music and the Playing of Organs](#), (9 November 2020).
- [Guidance on re-opening of church halls](#), (9 November 2020).
- [Guidance on re-opening for visitors](#), (9 November 2020).
- [COVID-19 Advice for Services during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, VI](#). Issued by the Bench of Bishops of the Church in Wales, Version 1 26 January 2021 (Alert Level Four). "The guidelines...are based on the advice issued by the Church of England's COVID-19 Recovery Group, *supra*, with amendment to the particular context in which the Church in Wales operates".
- [Moving from Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3: A Practical Advice Update](#). (26 April 2021).
- [Regulations for places of worship in Wales from May 17 2021 \(Level 2 restrictions\)](#). See also L&RUK post from the Revd Gethin Rhys, *infra*.
- [Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) guidance: Update: 15 July 2021](#)
- **Coronavirus (Covid-19) guidance. Update: 6 August 2021.** [Coronavirus Statement from the Bench of Bishops 7th August 2021](#). "The Representative Body will shortly publish updated advice, specific to the Church, on how to develop risk assessments in this new environment".
- [Coronavirus related Legislation: Briefing for churches in Wales](#). To be fully updated on 9 August 2021

#### Northern Ireland

- [Statement from the Church of Ireland Bishops in Northern Ireland in relation to Public Worship](#), 7 January 2020. Suspension of public worship.

#### Roman Catholic EW

- **Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: [Vade Mecum for Holy Week 2021](#)**. (28 February 2021). This refers to:

**Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments: Celebration of Holy Week 2021.** [Note to Bishops and Episcopal Conferences on the Celebration of Holy Week 2021, \(Prot. N. 96/21.\)](#), (19 February 2021).

- [Update on COVID-19 and Vaccination](#) "...At present, debate concerns the use of the vaccines developed by Pfizer & BioNTech, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Some have questioned the use of the Astra Zeneca vaccine since it has been developed from cell-lines originating from the cells of an aborted foetus in 1983. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy of Life have expressed the view that one may in good conscience and for a grave reason receive a vaccine sourced in this way, provided that there is a sufficient moral distance between the present administration of the vaccine and the original wrongful action. In the COVID-19 pandemic, we judge that this grave reason exists and that one does not sin by receiving the vaccine". (3 December 2020).
- [Statement from the President and the Vice-President of the Conference on the Prime Minister's Statement](#) which questions the banning of communal worship and asks the Government to produce the evidence that justifies its decision, 31 October 2020.
- [Guidance for Funerals](#), (15 June).
- [Guidance on Re-opening of Catholic Churches for Individual Prayer](#), Roman Catholic Church, England and Wales, (10 June).

- [Archbishops' Letter on Resumption of Collective Worship](#), (25 June).
- [Bishops clarify the Catholic position on vaccination](#), Catholic Church in England and Wales:(30 July)
- [Statement from the President and the Vice-President of the Conference on the Prime Minister's Statement](#) which questions the banning of communal worship and asks the Government to produce the evidence that justifies its decision, 31 October 2020.
- [Covid-19 Route Map: Step 3 Guidance.](#), Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, (15 May 2021).
- [Step 4 Guidance for Communal Worship during the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#) (i.e. Guidance first issued 15 July 2021).

#### Methodist Church

On 30 September, 2020, the Methodist Church issued an update of its [Coronavirus Guidance for Property](#). Other guidance includes:

- [Guide for Weddings](#)
- [Guide for Open Air Worship](#)
- [Guide for Church Meetings, Small Gatherings & House Groups](#)
- [Guide for Pastoral Visits](#)
- [Guide for Face Coverings.](#)
- **Coronavirus Guidance for Property: Update 13 July 2021.** [Changes to Government Guidance.](#)
- **Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:** [Covid-19 Route Map: Step 4 Guidance](#), (15 July 2021). See L&RUK post below.
- **Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:** [Sunday - It is our Day.](#) "It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021", (15 July 2021).

#### Baptist Church

- [Essential advice for churches, \(updated 20 December 2020\). Churches may once again open for worship following the end of the firebreak in Wales and the lockdown in England.](#)
  - [Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 20 December 2020)
  - [Coronavirus advice: Children's, youth and families ministry](#) (updated 20 December 2020)
  - [Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings](#) (updated 20 December 2020)
  - [Advice for ministers - pastoral visiting](#) (updated 20 December 2020)
  - [Guideline Leaflet L18: Covid-19 Coronavirus Legal Issues](#) (updated 16 December 2020)
  - [Update for churches as employers: New furlough scheme rules and removal of retention bonus](#) (4 December 2020).

#### Other churches

- [A pastoral statement on the proposed suspension of public worship from 5 November](#), Society of St Wilfrid and St Hilda, 2 November 2020.
- [The Muslim Council of Britain calls for an urgent review of new lockdown restrictions on places of worship](#), Muslim Council of Britain, 1 November 2020

*Muslim Council of Britain*

- [MCB Urges Mosques to Re-Assess Safety Measures If They Choose to Remain Open](#). (4 January 2020)
- **Faith Associates:** [Ramadan 2021 Mosque Guidance - England COVID-19 Restrictions](#). (13 March 2021).
- **Faith Associates:** [Mosque COVID-19 4 Step Plan To Unlock Restrictions](#), (Scroll down), (updated 26 February 2021).
- [Ramadan 2021](#). Ramadan will be from 12/13 April 2021 to 12/13 May 2021 (depending on moon sightings). See [#SafeRamadan 2021 Guide](#) for advice on COVID-19 related and other issues. (9 April 2021).

*Food Standards Agency*

- **Food Alert:** [Sainsbury's recalls Taste the Difference Medjool Dates because of possible contamination with Hepatitis A](#). This is of particular relevance during [Ramadan](#) since after sundown, Muslims break their fast with *iftar*, a meal which usually starts with dates and water or milk, followed by dinner. (13 April 2021).

*Health Protection Surveillance Centre (Ireland)*

- [Guidance for Religious Settings](#) This notes that all HPSC guidance should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the [Government's Framework of Restrictions](#). This includes:
  - [COVID-19 Guidance for Religious Services, V2.2 4.12.2020](#).
  - [Religious Services during the Holiday Season, V1.0. 4/12/2020](#)
  - [Guidance on non-healthcare building ventilation during COVID-19, V1.2 15.10.2020](#).

**Other churches and faith organizations**

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*Joint Committee on Human Rights*

- [Every Fixed Penalty Notice issued under coronavirus Regulations must be reviewed](#), Press release, Includes links to report. (27 April 2021).

*Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC)*

- **John Stevens, National Director of FIEC:** [Coronavirus: Congregational Singing & Weddings - Latest Update For England From Ministry of Housing Local Government And Communities](#), (19 March 2021).

*Health Protection Surveillance Centre, Dublin*

- **Guidance for Religious Settings, [Religious Services during the Holiday Season, v1.1](#)**. Addendum to: [COVID-19 Guidance for Religious Services](#), Instruments physically blown into from mouth by player should not be used. Pipe organs can be played, as well as other non-blown instruments. In all instances, appropriate public health measures need to be in place at all times. (7 December 2020).

*Royal School of Church Music*

- [Models for playing and singing in church](#), (August 2020).
- [Risk Assessment introduction](#) (August 2020).
- [Risk Assessment template - COVID-19 Risk Assessment, Music in Live services](#), (18 August 2020).
- [Live Streaming of Church Services](#), (undated).
- [Draft Roadmap for the Resumption of Singing](#). The RSCM and COA (Cathedral Organists' Association) are working to advocate a safe resumption of music in worship, within the context of a gradual easing of the lockdowns across the UK...The current guidance should form the basis of planning until such time as any update is announced which may or may not be before Easter. (W/C 7 March 2021)
- [COVID-19: Guidance for Safe Group Music-making in Church](#). Further to the Westminster Government announcements TODAY 26TH March, the guidance covering England is much more permissive for Holy Week and Easter... (26 March 2021).
- [COVID-19: Guidance for Safe Group Music-making in Church](#). Revision of FAQ – Further to the Westminster Government announcements on 26 March and 7 April, the guidance covering England is much more permissive for Easter and onwards into the Summer Term.
- “In line with guidance concerning schools and after school activities, children’s choirs activity are permitted from April 12th whether from one school or multiple schools. Children’s Choirs are well placed to keep consistent groups following Government advice for [out of school settings](#).”
- [The Big RSCM Music Sunday Service - Encouraging Solidarity in Song Following the Government's Restrictions on Singing](#), Together with key partner organisations, Making Music, The Association of British Choral Directors and The Incorporated Society of Musicians, RSCM has been working to advocate a revision to the guidance which states that only six people can sing together; and to enable a safe return to choirs singing again.(24 May 2021).
- [Representative Body of the Church in Wales: Coronavirus - COVID-19: Guidance on music and the playing of church organs: A Practical Advice Update](#). During move from alert level 4 to alert level 3, *supra*. (27 April 2021).
- [COVID-19: Guidance for Safe Group Music-making in Church](#). 7 April, incorporating Westminster Government announcements on 26 March and 7 April 2021.
- [Covid-19 resources for churches](#) Last updated: Wednesday, 19 May 2021.
- [COVID-19: Guidance for Safe Music-making in Church](#), Updated 16 July 2021. “The new guidance from the Government removes many of the imposed restrictions, and places the onus on local decision making. Such decisions are generally made more successfully when (all) those who deliver and lead worship have had an input into

the conversations about local response. Typically, this might include vicar/incumbent, churchwardens, PCC representation, and the director of music/organist/lead musician of a church”.

- [COVID-19: Guidance for Safe Music-making in Church](#). Last update, 16th July 2021

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### Historical Religious Buildings Alliance

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). Last updated 20 December 2020.

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### Association of British Choral Directors (ABCD)

- [England Step 3 guidance for choirs – only 6 indoors](#), (3 June 2021).
- [Guidance for the performing arts in England – FAQs](#), (3 June 2021).
- [Government Guidance](#), Summary of recent guidance in UK. (9 December 2021)

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### Bellringing

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\), Standing Guidance](#): Guidance for E, W, S, NI, RoI. The guidance for ringing for children’s groups has been updated in the light of the introduction of the new Tier 4. In England, the Government guidance that allows the running of activities for children in out-of-school settings specifically excludes Tier 4, so young ringers groups can only operate in Tiers 1-3. Updated 27 December 2020.
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Updates](#), as at 26 February 2021). “While there is still detail to be studied, and every chance of change, all indications are that ringing in England at least will come out of lockdown as follows...”
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\), Updates](#): There is no change in guidance this week (26 March). Easter Sunday ringing guidance is as published on 19 March, and the general roadmap is as per the 12 March update
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – CCCBR](#). Update, 5 April. Detailed guidance is available in Guidance Notes section; and also indicator on remainder of the roadmap timeline.
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – CCCBR](#). Update, 21 April. Summary of implications of England road map vis-à-vis bellringing.
- [Wales Guidance: moving to Alert Level 3 from 3 May onwards](#). This guidance was developed from the England guidance and agreed with the Church in Wales; as with the CCCBR guidance for England published last week, this should be read in conjunction with the recently update guidance note about individual risks
- [22nd May](#): There has been no change to guidance this week. England is in Stage 3 with the Rule of Six applying indoors. Guidance suggests a limit of 45 minutes subject to 1m+ social distancing rules, hand sanitising, face coverings, lateral flow tests in certain circumstances, and good ventilation. Detailed guidance [Guidance 17 May to 21 June](#)
- [Simon Linford, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers: Summary Ringing Guidance \(England\)](#).

- [Summary ringing guidance \(England\)](#). Useful template. “Place of Worship Guidance Pending”.
  - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - CCCBR](#). Last update, 20 July 2021.
  - [Covid Plan B – England](#), (9 December 2021)
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## HSE

- [Disinfecting premises using fog, mist, vapour or ultraviolet \(UV\) systems during the coronavirus outbreak](#), 22 July 2020.
  - [COVID secure workplace measures in England should remain in place until at least 19 July](#). With the delay in easing of restrictions, businesses still need to have COVID-secure measures in place to protect workers, visitors and customers. There are different dates and requirements for easing of COVID-19 restrictions in [Scotland](#) and [Wales](#). HSE, (7 July 2021).
  - [Working safely after some coronavirus \(COVID-19\) restrictions are removed](#). Including: controls to use after some restrictions are removed; other measures to help reduce workplace transmission; requirements in Scotland and Wales. (14 July 2021). To be updated 19 July 2021.
  - **Historic Religious Buildings Alliance**, [Caring for places of worship during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), regularly updated.
  - **Historic England**: [Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage](#). Open for applications W/C 27 July 2020, deadline for applications midday 17 August 2020.
  - **Ecclesiastical Insurance**: [COVID-19 and your Church Insurance policy](#), 19 January 2021.
  - **Ecclesiastical Insurance**: [Insurance Testing/Review Requirements](#)
  - **Ecclesiastical Insurance** :[COVID-19 and your Church Insurance policy](#), 19 January 2021.
  - **Ecclesiastical Insurance**: [COVID-19 and your Parish Plus or Parishguard policy](#), Ecclesiastical Insurance. COVID-19 TempCover Enhancements to church insurance policies from 1 September 2020.
  - **Ecclesiastical Insurance**, [COVID-19 Secure - Opening places of worship after lockdown](#), 11 June 2020.
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## Charity Commission

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance for the charity sector](#): Guidance to help with running your charity during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As remaining legal restrictions are gradually eased in England and Wales, the Commission assures charities that during this period it will continue to act proportionately in the public interest, whilst helping trustees to think about the wider or longer impact of their decisions on their charity. (3 August 2021). *Guidance to be reviewed 30 September 2021.*

- Kruger, H-M., Meaton, J., & Williams, A.: [Pandemic Continuity Planning: will coronavirus test local authority business continuity plans? A case study of a local authority](#), Emergency Management Review [2020] 4 (1) 4-27.
- Gregson; Watson; Orton; Haddrell; McCarthy; Finnie; et al. (2020): [Comparing the Respirable Aerosol Concentrations and Particle Size Distributions Generated by Singing, Speaking and Breathing](#). ChemRxiv. Preprint. <https://doi.org/10.26434/chemrxiv.12789221.v1>.
- Adam Wagner: [Table of COVID-19 lockdown regulations](#). 26 October 2020
- House of Commons Library: [Research Briefing: Coronavirus: policing the lockdown, 8 October 2020](#).
- House of Commons Library: Research Briefing, [Coronavirus: enforcing restrictions](#). Confusion and mixed messages, 28 October.
- Security Industry Authority, (SIA): [Licensable Activities](#). See FOI Release, [Do people enforcing social distancing need an SIA licence?](#), 24 August 2020.
- [\(COVID-19\) Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do](#) MHCLG, (26 April 2021).
- [Coronavirus: A history of English lockdown laws](#), House of Commons Library, Research Briefing, (30 April 2021).

#### Bar Council

- [Coronavirus advice and updates](#). The Bar Council is keeping the coronavirus situation under constant review. This information is updated regularly to reflect the most recent guidance for the Bar. (4 January 2021).
- [COVID secure workplace measures in England should remain in place until at least 19 July](#). With the delay in easing of restrictions, businesses still need to have COVID-secure measures in place to protect workers, visitors and customers. There are different dates and requirements for easing of COVID-19 restrictions in [Scotland](#) and [Wales](#). HSE, (7 July 2021).

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#### British Medical Journal

- [Covid-19: Doctors warn of "disconnect" between NHS pressure and lifting of restrictions](#) (12 July 2021).
- [Covid-19: Are cloth masks still effective? And other questions answered](#). (15 July 2021).

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- [Church of England: Plan B guidance](#), (10 December).
- [Law and religion round-up - 12th December](#). Mask wearing; Plan B update.

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- [Law and religion round-up – 31st October](#). No COVID-19 related items, except (indirectly) an update on individual cups for Holy Communion.
- [Electronic registration of births and deaths, England and Wales](#), (5 November 2021). See Legislation, *supra*
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- [Law and religion round-up – 28th November](#), Omicron variant of COVID-19; Omicron variant and the churches. (28 November 2021).
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- [Navigating the faculty system – CofE environment programme webinar](#), (1 October 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 3rd October](#), (3 October 2021).
- [COVID-19: legislation and guidance, October update](#), (5 October 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 10th October](#), (10 October 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 17th October](#), COVID-19: a critical analysis. The House of Commons Health and Social Care and Science and Technology Committees (17 October 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 24th October](#). COVID-19 and religion in Manitoba (24 October 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 31st October](#), (31 October 2021).

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- [New Church of England and ChurchCare Guidance Notes](#), (3 September 2021).
- [COVID-19 legislation and guidance: September update](#), (3 September 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 5th September](#), (5 September 2021).
- [COVID-19 churches' guidance for "Step 4"](#), (10 September 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 12th September](#), (12 September 2021).
- [COVID-19: next steps for England](#), (14 September 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 19th September](#), (19 September 2021).
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- [Consultation for vaccine passports – England](#), (28 September 2021).

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- [Law and religion round-up – 1 August](#). Church of England COVID-19 guidance
- [COVID-19: Masks in Scotland from 9 August](#). (6 August).

- [COVID-19: Church in Wales update for Alert Level Zero](#). (7 August).
- [Law and religion round-up – 8th August](#). COVID-19 and places of worship in Scotland; COVID-19 in Wales; COVID-19 and the NHS App.
- [Law and religion round-up – 15th August](#). Changes to self-isolation rules in England.

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- [Law and religion round-up – 4 July](#). Congregational singing in England; COVID-19 and charity AGMs.
- [Law and religion round-up – 11 July 2021](#). Progress to Step 4 in England; Individual cups for Holy Communion (again).
- [COVID-19: Guidance on weddings and civil partnerships from Step 4](#), (14 July 2021). New guidance for couples planning to get married or form a civil partnership in England, and venues hosting these events
- [COVID-19: Revocation of regulations in England](#) Summary of [SI 2021/848](#), (15 July 2021,) *supra*.
- [COVID-19: Church in Wales update](#), (16 July 2021).
- [COVID-19: Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales](#) , (16 July 2021).
- [COVID-19: Church of England update](#), (16 July 2021).
- [COVID-19: Church of England "Step 4" Guidance](#), (16 July 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 18th July](#)
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- [Law and religion round-up – 13 June](#) COVID-19 and Parliamentary scrutiny; COVID-19 and ordinations.
- [Weddings, wakes and face masks](#), Relaxation of some Step 2 requirements, (15 June 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 20th June](#). COVID-19 and Parliamentary scrutiny again; COVID-19 legislation and guidance Temporary permission for outdoor weddings in England & Wales. But no comment on St David's.
- [Physical distancing in Scotland](#), (27 June 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 27 June](#).. Outdoor weddings in England and Wales; Defining "outdoors"; Physical distancing in Scotland. But no mention of singing.

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- [Law and religion round-up – 2nd May](#), Easing the lockdown in Ireland.
- [COVID-19: latest relaxations for places of worship in Wales](#), review by Revd Gethin Rhys and Cytûn of further relaxations in Wales, brought forward from 17 May to 3 May, when Wales moved to Coronavirus Alert Level 3. (4 May 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 9 May](#). Upcoming Church of England Guidance for funerals

- [Law and religion round-up – 16 May 2021](#) No COVID-19 news apart from *And finally...II* on inconsistencies in the present [restrictions on weddings](#).
- [COVID-19: Step 3 guidance – Roman Catholic Church EW](#), (16 May 2021).
- [COVID-19: Step 3 guidance – Church of England](#), (17 May 2021)
- [COVID-19 Update: Cytûn – Churches together in Wales](#), (18 May 2021).
- [COVID-19: Step 3 guidance – Church of England](#), (17 May 2021)
- [COVID-19 Update: Cytûn – Churches together in Wales](#), (18 May 2021)
- [COVID-19: unexpected choral clampdown](#), (20 May 2021 and updated 26 May 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 23 May](#). Church of England: Holy Communion update; In Quires and Places where they sing – maybe; “Take me to your leader” (singing, again).
- [Law and religion round-up – 30 May](#). This post included no references to COVID-19 coronavirus.

#### April 2021

- [Law and Religion round-up, 4th April](#). Guidance for Holy Week and Easter. Police action at Catholic Church in Balham.
- [Law and religion round-up – 11 April](#). Provisions on His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh relating to COVID-19, reproduced above. Explanation of the update to our post *COVID-19 Coronavirus: legislation and guidance*.
- [Law and religion round-up – 18 April 2021](#) Good Friday and COVID-19 in Balham; [Wakefield Cathedral and COVID-19](#). The latter item notes that religious or belief-based commemorative events, such services commemorating the life of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, are restricted to 15 people in attendance. *These provisions limiting attendance to 15 will be relevant to any church, cathedral or other place of worship which intends to hold such an event. However, the Guidance documents indicate “[a]nyone working is not counted in these limits”.*
- [Law and religion round-up – 25 April](#). Wedding news (relaxation of lockdown), and summary of the report by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services: [Policing in the pandemic – The police response to the coronavirus pandemic during 2020](#), (April 2021).

#### March 2021

- [COVID-19: places of worship and the latest Welsh Regulations: update](#). Following the latest announcements by the Welsh Government over the weekend, the Revd Gethin Rhys, Policy Officer of Cytûn, has issued a further update – reproduced with permission – on the position as it affects places of worship. (29 March 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up – 28 March](#) Guidance for Holy Week and Easter.
- [COVID-19: New MHCLG guidance on singing](#) Updated [COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship](#) and which now includes the following advice relating to singing, (26 March 2021).
- [COVID-19: reopening places of worship in Scotland](#) Following Philip & Ors for Judicial Review of the closure of places of worship in Scotland *infra*, places of worship in Scotland will be able to open with immediate effect if they wish to do so,

and the relevant Regulations have made the necessary changes to the law. (25 March 2021).

- [COVID-19: was the closure of places of worship in Scotland lawful? Philip & Ors](#) (24 March 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up - 21 March 2021](#) . No COVID-19 items apart from reminder from [Regulators' Code](#) on Legislation and Guidance (2014).
- [Coronavirus and ecclesiastical law - II](#). Impact of closure of churches on Church services: Celebration of Holy Communion Priest alone; Live streaming of services – Technical aspects, Copyright, Spiritual Communion; Individual cups; Intinction. (16 March 2021).
- [COVID-19: places of worship and the latest Welsh Regulations](#), Following the latest announcements by Welsh Government, the Revd Gethin Rhys, Policy Officer of Cytûn, has issued a helpful update on the position as it affects places of worship, (15 March 2021).
- [Law and religion round-up - 14 March](#). Easing the lockdown in Scotland Easing the lockdown in England; Marriage law: forthcoming events; Book launch.
- [Law and religion round-up - 7 March](#).

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- [Law and religion round-up - 14 March](#). Easing the lockdown in Scotland Easing the lockdown in England; Marriage law: forthcoming events; Book launch.
- [COVID-19: easing the lockdown in England & Scotland](#), 23 February 2021.
- [Law and religion round-up - 28 February](#). COVID-19: easing the lockdown in England & Scotland Reopening churches in Scotland; Review of coronavirus legislation; The EU Council, COVID-19 and human rights; An illegal religious gathering in Nottingham?
- [COVID-19: easing the lockdown in England & Scotland](#), 23 February 2021.
- [Law and religion round-up - 21 February](#), COVID-19 and closure of churches in Scotland, *Noli me tangere*.
- [Law and religion round-up - 21 February](#), COVID-19 and closure of churches in Scotland, *Noli me tangere*.
- [Law and religion round-up - 14th February](#). St Valentine and COVID-19; Closure of churches in Scotland.
- [Law and religion round-up - 7 February](#). Marking 2M page views.

#### January 2021

- [Law and religion round-up - 24 January](#). Closing places of worship in Scotland; Opening places of worship in Scotland; Church of England services in Lent, Holy Week and Easter: 2021; Guernsey in lockdown; General Synod Meetings 2021, House of Bishops Meeting.
- [COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship](#). Updated version of guidance from MHCLG.
- [Law and religion round-up - 10 January](#). Suspending public worship: – England; – Northern Ireland; and – Scotland. Continuing Public Worship – Wales.

- [Suspending public worship – Northern Ireland](#), 7 January 2021.
- [Suspending public worship – England](#). 7 January 2021.
- [Bishop of London: new COVID-19 restrictions](#). Bishop Sarah’s response, plus extracts from government guidance. 4 January 2021.
- [COVID-19: places of worship to close in mainland Scotland](#). 4 January 2021.
- [Law and religion round-up – 3rd January](#). Places of worship during lockdown

December 2020

- [Law and religion round-up – 27 December](#) with a link to the 1256 pages of [COM\(2020\) 857 final](#), a.k.a. “ANNEX to the Recommendation for a Council Decision approving the conclusion, by the European Commission, of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland..
- [Wales: Christmas guidance on COVID-19 precautions](#). (24 December 2020).
- [Scotland: Christmas guidance on COVID-19 precautions](#). (22 December 2020).
- [Stop press: changes to Christmas arrangements for Northern Ireland](#) (21 December 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up – 20 December](#). Don’t they know it’s COVID? (20 December 2020).
- [COVID-19: Tier 4 and other restrictions announced](#). Links to Prime Minister’s [Press Conference](#); Professor Chris Whitty’s [statement](#) about the new strain of Covid-19; DHSC new Guidance [Tier 4: Stay at Home](#); and more [specific guidance](#) for the four tiers. (19 December 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up – 13 December](#). COVID-19 vaccines and the church; Churches as vaccination centres; COVID-19 and self-isolation, and; Christmas ringing in England.
- [Welsh Government: guidance on singing over the Christmas period](#). The Welsh Government has published guidance, *infra*, on carol-singing and traditions such as *plygain* traditional Welsh carols and *calennig* and *Mari Lwyd* at the New Year. (10 December 2020).
- [Churches as vaccination centres](#). New CofE guidance, as below. (8 December 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up – 6 December](#). COVID-19 and judicial review; APPG Coronavirus.

November 2020

- [COVID-19: revised Regulations for Wales](#) At 6 pm Friday 4 December, revised Regulations (as yet unpublished) will come into force in Wales. (3 December 2020).
- [COVID-19: New Church of England guidance](#). Details of new guidance from the Church. (3 December 2020).
- [COVID-19: Communal worship from 2 December](#). The Diocese of Oxford has circulated a comprehensive update on the latest position in relation to COVID-19, which we reproduced, with permission, (1 December 2020).
- [New COVID-19 legislation and guidance to 5 December](#), (first posted 29 November). An early start to our weekly rolling update of legislation and guidance on

coronavirus COVID-19, including links to the government's mid-night issue of "Guidance for the Christmas Period", and the Church of England's statement "Outdoor congregational carol singing permitted in all tiers", containing several useful links.

- [Law and religion round-up – 29 November](#). COVID-19 and Christmas in England...in Scotland...and Northern Ireland.
- [Cabinet Office statement on "Christmas bubbles"](#), 24 November 2020.
- [Welsh Government: updated guidance on COVID-19](#), 23 November 2020.
- [UK Government's COVID-19 Winter Plan for England](#), 23 November 2020.
- [Law and religion round-up – 22 November](#). COVID-19: challenging the lockdown; Santa's clauses are coming to town.
- [Law and religion round-up – 15 November](#). COVID-19: Welsh Government guidance.
- [COVID-19: Northern Ireland Executive agrees two-week "circuit breaker" lockdown](#). The Northern Ireland Executive has agreed to introduce a two-week circuit breaker to slow the spread of COVID-19. The new restrictions will run for two weeks from 27 November until 11 December.
- [Law and religion round-up – 8th November](#), Guidance, legislation, and how not to do it; Lockdown and places of worship; Reopening of places of worship in Wales; Charity Commission: updated guidance on COVID-19; Charity meetings in Wales, General Synod (Remote Meetings) Measure 2020; Church of England and Archbishops' websites
- [Worship, funerals and weddings under the Second English Lockdown](#), 5 November. Guest post by Russell Sandberg.
- [Services and Events on Remembrance Sunday in England](#), 4 November 2020.
- [Communal worship and Remembrance Day in England: stop press](#), 2 November 2020.
- [Communal Worship – Remembrance Day, England](#), Guidance from MHCLG, 2 November 2020.
- [Law and religion round-up – 1st November](#) National Restrictions from 5 November; Weddings, civil partnerships, religious services and funerals; EHRC; General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; ELS Virtual Conference – The Solemnization of Matrimony: past, present and future, 1 November.

October 2020

- [England lockdown – 5 November to 2 December](#), (31 October 2020).
- [Minister's statement on coronavirus \(COVID-19\): 31 October 2020](#), (31 October 2020).
- [New COVID-19 legislation and guidance to 31 October](#), (26 October 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up – 25 October](#). Three new regional categories for COVID-19 restrictions in England; Coronavirus circuit break: Wales, and clergy challenge; COVID-19 and the wedding industry; Bellringing; Postponement of General Synod elections, (25 October 2020).
- [Coronavirus Firebreak Lockdown – Church in Wales Guidance](#), (23 October 2020).

- [Coronavirus circuit break: Wales](#). (21 October 2020, updated, 23 October).
- [L&RUK: Catch-up from 23 September](#), (21 October 2020).
- [Advice on local outbreaks: Church of England](#), Two new FAQs issued, 12 October at 10:37. (12 October 2020)
- [Law and religion round-up - 11th October](#). COVID-19: marriages and civil partnerships in England, COVID-19: increased restrictions in Ireland. 11 October 2020).
- [New COVID-19 legislation and guidance to 10 October](#), (10 October 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 4 October](#). Humanist wedding ceremonies and COVID-19; Church of Scotland: virtual General Assembly; Methodist Church: updated COVID-19 guidance. (4 October 2020).
- [New COVID-19 legislation and guidance to 3 October](#). (4 October 2020).

#### September 2020

- [Law and religion round-up - 27 September](#). QR codes for “NHS Test and Trace”; Virtual sittings of C of E General Synod. (20 September 2020).
- [QR codes for “Test and Trace” in churches](#), summary of legislation and revised Church of England advice. (23 September 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 20 September](#). “Rule of Six”; COVID-19 in Ireland. (20 September 2020).
- [Choirs and the “rule of six” - new advice](#). Updated FAQ “How does the ‘rule of six’ apply to choirs?” and *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice on the Conduct of Public Worship, v2.4*. (18 September 2020).
- [COVID-19: Church of England and RSCM updates](#), Guidance on “the rule of six”. (17 September 2020).
- [High Holy Day services and gatherings: COVID-19 checklist](#). Government guidance for Jewish congregations in England. (14 September 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 13 September](#). New social distancing rules; Coronavirus and the Curtailment of Religious Liberty: A Global Review. (13 September 2020),
- [Church of England: Places of worship and new restrictions](#), Statement by Bishop Sarah. [re-issue of original post] (9 September 2020).
- [Worship unaffected by new restrictions in England](#), 9 September. Confirmatory tweet from Archbishop of Canterbury. (9 September 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 6th September](#). Individual cups for Holy Communion; Aerosol and droplet generation. (6 September 2020).
- [Aerosol and droplet generation from singing &c](#). Review by SAGE of international evidence base and two research trials (PERFORM and SOBADRA) commissioned to investigate droplet and aerosol production in performance events. (4 September 2020).

#### August 2020

- [Law and religion round-up - 30th August](#), COVID-19 and: bellringing; singing; full immersion baptism; L&RUK coverage; employees targeted by COVID-19 legislation; fake COVID-19 protection kits. (30 August 2020).

- [Welsh Government guidance for reopening community centres](#). (27 August 2020).
- [Classification and rationalization of churches in Sodor and Man](#), 27 August. Impact of lockdown on S&M Diocese finance.
- [Funerals and weddings in Northern Ireland](#), changes in SR 2020/187. (26 August 2020).
- [Aerosols and droplets in church - breathing, speaking, shouting and singing](#). (24 August 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 23rd August](#), COVID-19 and religious services in Scotland; revision of L&RUK pages on coronavirus legislation and guidance; developments on singing in church and PERFORM port; special session of General Synod on virtual sessions. (23 August 2020)
- [COVID-19 - Further changes to Church of England guidance](#), update of guidance “particularly in light of changes to advice on choirs singing during services”. (17 August 2020).
- [Law and Religion round-up, 16 August](#), (16 August 2020).
- [Coronavirus-related legislation: Cytûn's briefing for churches in Wales](#), briefing by The Revd Gethin Rhys, Policy Officer of Cytûn/Churches together in Wales. (13 August 2020).
- [COVID-19 - Changes to Church of England guidance finalized](#), twelve items of guidance updated. (10 August 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 9th August](#), Wearing face coverings from 8 August, in England and Scotland; Church of England General Synod. (9 August 2020).
- [Face covering during weddings and other services](#) Interim guidance from the Church of England. (5 August 2020).
- [COVID-19: further \(separate\) guidance for England and for Wales](#), (4 August 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 2nd August](#), local lockdowns on several areas of Lancashire and parts of West Yorkshire, including Blackburn and Bradford. (2 August 2020).

#### *July 2020*

- [Face-coverings in places of worship: update](#). Face coverings mandatory in places of worship from 8 August, and withdrawal of guidance which permitted indoor professional performances, with immediate effect. (31 July 2020).
- [Coronavirus COVID:19 - NW England restrictions](#), changes to rules on gatherings in Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire and East Lancashire after increase in COVID-19 cases. (31 July 2020).
- [Coronavirus and ecclesiastical law - I](#), the legislation and regulations in relation to time constraints imposed by ecclesiastical provisions. (27 July 2020).
- [Government COVID-19 guidance for England: special religious services and gatherings checklist](#) update to COVID-19: *guidance for the safe use of places of worship and special religious services and gatherings during the pandemic* which deals specifically with *special religious services and gatherings*. (27 July 2020).



- [Law and religion round-up - 26th July](#), Face-covering in England, Face-covering in places of worship, Blackburn with Darwen, and Luton, Matt (Hancock) 6:3, Faith school admissions. (26 July 2020).
- [Regulations on face covering: Advice from Church of England](#), new regulations excluding places of worship, and strong recommendation from House of Bishops Recovery Group. (23 July 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 19th July](#). Local lockdowns in England; Singing in churches and cathedrals; Church of England: face-covering. (19 July 2020).
- [Singing in churches and cathedrals](#), an update on an earlier post following the recent tranche of guidance and advice. (17 July 2020).
- [Scotland: Government guidance on safe reopening of places of worship](#). Opening of places of worship in Scotland for additional permitted purposes from 15 July. (14 July 2020).
- [Relaxation of coronavirus legislation in Wales from 13 July: initial guidance for churches](#). (14 July 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 12th July](#), Easing of lockdown in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland; financial sustainability of places of worship; COVID-19 and the Church of England; Singing; Church Commissioners £1M support for cathedral choirs. (13 July 2020).
- [Marriages and civil partnerships in Wales](#), Analysis of new guidance. (10 July 2020).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(No. 2\) \(England\) Regulations 2020: revised post](#). Analysis of Regulation 5. Revised version of post first published on 200705. (7 July 2020).
- [Northern Ireland: Executive statement on indoor weddings and baptisms](#). Resumption of baptisms and indoor marriage ceremonies from Friday, 10 July. (7 July 2020).
- [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(No. 2\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#), Analysis of Regulation 5. (5 July 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 5th July](#), Government guidance on the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities, Singing in churches and cathedrals, and Early medical abortion and COVID-19: an update. (5 July 2020).

#### June 2020

- [COVID-19: Safe use of places of worship in England from 4 July](#), Summary of government guidance. (29 June 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 28th June](#), Opening of places of worship for services, Petertide ordinations, music in churches. (28 June 2020).
- [House of Bishops Statement on Government COVID-19](#), guidance, clarification of numbers for worship & weddings; canon law issues doctrine of necessity. (24 June 2020).
- [Reopening of places of worship in England on 4 July: a clarification](#). Uncertainty and clarification of numbers for worship & weddings. (26 June 2020).
- [Delayed marriages in England and Wales](#), impact of lockdown on reading of Banns and qualifying connections. (24 June 2020).

- [Restricted church services in England from 4 July](#), relaxation on weddings and services in England. (23 June 2020).
- [Breaking news: COVID-19: marriage and civil partnerships in Wales](#), relaxation on marriage and civil partnerships. (21 June 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 21st June](#), places of worship opening for private prayer in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland; Marriage, visas and COVID-19. (21 June 2020).
- [COVID-19: update on reopening places of worship in England](#). (16 June 2020).
- [COVID-19: update on reopening places of worship in Wales](#). (16 June 2020).
- [COVID-19: Personal Risk Factors for Clergy, Church Workers and Volunteers](#). (16 June 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 14th June](#), Registration of Births in England and Wales; and Premier pressures prelates on private prayer; organists' practice. (14 June 2020).
- [Guidance on supervised individual prayer](#), as below. Section 4 of new guidance. (12 June 2020).
- [Breaking news: COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship in England](#), new government guidance. (12 June 2020).
- [Private prayer update - yet another change](#). CofE response to government change of date for private prayer to 13 June. (11 June 2020).
- [Outdoor weddings in Northern Ireland](#). Permitted in NI, subject to conditions, from 7 June. (9 June 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up, 7th June](#). Opening of churches in England, COVID-19 and caveats, face coverings on public transport. (7 June 2020).
- [COVID-19: further guidance from the Church of England](#). New FAQs and documents, and updated on the CofE coronavirus web pages. (6 June 2020).
- [Music, musicians, and the congregation](#). Part II of our review *Churches during relaxation of lockdown*. (5 June 2020).
- [COVID-19: latest guidance from the Church of England - updated](#): Updated guidance on schools and nurseries. (1 June 2020).

#### May 2020

- [Law and religion round-up - 31st May](#): Legal challenges to lockdown; Churches during relaxation of lockdown; Church halls and nursery provision; Relaxation of lockdown in England; Latest guidance from the Church of England; Licensing drive-in movies and church services. (31 May 2020).
- [A sage appraisal of COVID-19](#): Information published on 26 May on the scientific work which has been considered by the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE). (29 May 2020).
- [COVID-19: latest guidance from the Church of England](#), new section, Schools and Nurseries, update on delivery of printed communications. (28 May 2020)
- [New CofE guidance: fabric and building maintenance](#), update of post of 22 May, *infra*. (27 May 2020)

- [Evidence of environmental dispersion of COVID-19](#), report of the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies. (26 May 2020)
- [Research on transmission of COVID-19](#), report compiled by the Environmental and Modelling Group for the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies. (26 May 2020)
- [New technical advice papers](#), set of papers circulated by Oxford Diocese on technical aspects of the current restrictions affecting buildings. [*Updated by post of 27 May, supra*]. (22 May 2020)
- [Postponement of C of E General Synod elections](#), change to Coronavirus Act 2020 following Privy Council meeting. (21 May 2020)
- [Guidance on construction work in churches](#), new FAQ and guidance from CofE. (20 May 2020)
- [Taskforce on reopening places of worship](#), report of first meeting of task force. (15 May 2020)
- [Caring for places of worship during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), information from HRBA, see [below](#). (15 May 2020)
- [Reopening of places of worship in England: breaking news](#), announcement of five new ministerial-led taskforces to develop plans for how and when closed sectors can reopen safely in England. (13 May 2020)
- [Towards opening churches in July](#), Statement from Church of England, new government guidance. (11 May 2020)
- [Access to church buildings during lockdown](#), Advice from Archbishops' Council, Cathedral and Church Buildings Division, following House of Bishops' Statement on 5 May. (7 May 2020)
- [Bishops back phased approach to church access](#), how the Church of England might proceed once the current restrictions for COVID-19 are relaxed or lifted. (5 May 2020)
- [Law changes for next General Synod meetings](#), cancellation of York Synod, amendment of GS Constitution and Standing Orders, postponement of GS elections. (5 May 2020)

#### *April 2020*

- **200430** - [Church guidance: live streaming and copyright](#), New CofE FAQ - What is the guidance on live streaming and copyright? (30 April 2020).
- **200424** - [Welsh Government: Coronavirus update](#). Review of Welsh Government guidance following update on 24 April. (24 April 2020).
- **200422** - [Correction to errors in coronavirus Regulations](#). Corrections to SI 2020/350 made through SI 2020/447, effective 11:00 am. (22 April 2020).
- **200420** - [Coronavirus COVID-19: Further marriage law update](#). Faculty Office update on church weddings; emergency weddings; and qualifying connections. (20 April 2020).
- **200419** - [Law and religion round-up - 19th April](#). L&RUK and Coronavirus - COVID-19; Coronavirus-COVID 19: legislation and guidance; Cremations and funerals. (19 April 2020).
- **200419** - [PHE guidance: managing a funeral](#). PHE guidance on attendance of bereaved families at funerals during the pandemic. (19 April 2020).

- **200418** - [Coronavirus Act 2020 – Statutory guidance for local authorities](#). Guidance issued under statute on new powers for local authorities to support resilience of local death management systems and to step in if they become overwhelmed. (18 April 2020).
- **200415** - [Cremation under coronavirus restrictions](#). Overview of legislation and regulations on cremation. (15 April 2020).
- **200412** - [Law and religion round-up – 12th April](#). Human rights and COVID-19; Diocesan guidance on funeral ministry. (12 April 2020).
- **200403** - [Church building maintenance during lockdown – Update](#). Update of Church of England Advice issued on 27 March q.v.. (3 April 2020).
- **200403** - [Church in Wales: Covid 19 – Guidance on Vestry & PCC meetings](#). Statement on holding vestry and PCC meetings. (3 April 2020).
- **200403** - [New PHE advice for safe funerals](#). Early advices issued by PHE, updated on 19 April, *supra*. (3 April 2020).

#### March 2020

- [Faculty petitions under the coronavirus restrictions](#). A summary of the issues involved during the various stages of the faculty process, and links to relevant authorities with regard to the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus crisis. (30 March 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up – 29th March](#). A post which, unsurprisingly, is (on word count) 86% on the coronavirus issues of law and religion, including: Coronavirus Act 2020 and Regulations, E,W,S; closure of all Church of England buildings; attendance at funerals; church building maintenance; PPC Meetings. (29 March 2020).
- [Church building maintenance during lockdown](#). Summary of the Church of England document *Securing and caring for your church buildings during the Covid-19 pandemic: advice for incumbents, churchwardens and PCC members*. (28 March 2020).
- [Coronavirus COVID-19: Closure of all Church of England buildings](#). Confirming the closure of all buildings with immediate effect, including for the use of private prayer, in an effort to help limit the transmission of coronavirus COVID-19. (24 March 2020).
- [Coronavirus: Archbishops’ and Bishops’ Statement](#) The Prime Minister’s [announcement](#) of sweeping restrictions aimed at slowing the spread of the virus was echoed in the Church of England [statement](#) which said *inter alia*: “all Church of England churches will close with immediate effect in line with the Government’s instructions. There will also be no weddings or baptisms”. New FAQs are in preparation. (23 March 2020).
- [Coronavirus COVID-19: Marriage Law Update](#). Legal advice published by the Faculty Office. (23 March 2020).
- [‘Virtual’ PCC meetings and other Coronavirus-related issues](#). Further to our post “Coronavirus – election of PCC and churchwardens”, David Lamming has written a guest post on the issues raised. (22 March 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up – 22nd March](#). Coronavirus latest news from government and churches; Live-streaming of church services; and Coronavirus and data protection. (22 March 2020).

- [Coronavirus - election of PCC and churchwardens](#). Legislative measure that has been introduced by the Diocese of Oxford. Instrument was distributed by Church House to all Registrars in template form. Useful additional comments. (21 March 2020).
- [More coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance](#). Links to the recently revised CofE FAQs on: live streaming; weddings; baptisms; funerals; and key workers (see [below](#)). Also advice from: Church in Ireland, Roman Catholic Church EW, Isle of Man state of emergency law, and government advice on key workers and revised procedures for DBS checks. (20 March 2020).
- [Coronavirus: further guidance from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York](#). Clarification on the meaning of “public worship”. (20 March 2020).
- [Coronavirus: updated guidance on weddings and baptisms from CofE](#). Also link to new guidance on live streaming of services. (19 March 2020).
- [Streaming church services: an \(updated\) guide to copyright and religion](#) – revised with the additional advice from the RSCM on live streaming. Further updated 200323 with revised information from RSCM on CCLI streaming licence provisions. (18 March 2020).
- [Churches in Northern Ireland: Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) guidance](#). (18 March 2020).
- A series of important updates on issues related to the cessation of church services was posted on 17th March
  - [Church in Wales: Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) guidance](#). Pastoral Declaration of the Bench of Bishops of the Church in Wales – COVID-19. (17 March 2020).
  - [Church of England: Coronavirus - cessation of church services](#). Links to Church of England’s Press Notice, the Archbishops’ letter, and reference in the former to reliance on the canon law doctrine of necessity regarding the public services required by the Canons. (17 March 2020).
  - [Streaming church services: an \(updated\) guide to copyright and religion](#). Guidance on copyright and religion. (17 March 2020).
  - [Scottish Episcopal Church: Coronavirus - cessation of church services](#). Announcement from the College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church. (17 March 2020).
  - [Coronavirus latest: Government asks religious groups to cease meeting](#). On 16 March, responding to a question on “what actually constitutes a large gathering of people” in the context of religious communities – churches, mosques, gurdwaras”, the Health Secretary indicated that religious services should be suspended during the coronavirus outbreak, [[Commons Hansard c724](#)]. (17 March 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up - 15th March](#). Beards, paramedics and coronavirus; A common approach to the Common Cup in Anglican Provinces in the UK & Ireland...; Further advice from the Dioceses; Lambeth Conference and coronavirus; and A religion, law and coronavirus website. (15 March 2020).
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): more guidance from Church of England and government](#). Extracts from the information published on 12 March 2020 by the Church of England (at 12:50 and 15:17). (12 March 2020).

- [Church of England coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance for churches: updated](#). Church of England's update of its coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for churches. (10 March 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up – 8th March](#). Coronavirus (COVID-19): “the KISS of Peace?”; Coronavirus (COVID-19): other information; Sacrament Act 1547 and other legislation. (8 March 2020).
- [Church of England updates Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance – 5 March](#). Updated guidance including: withdrawal of the Common Cup; Member of congregation with COVID-19: Information for clergy. (5 March 2020).
- [Church issues new Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance](#). New Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance, comprising an updated Guidance for churches which includes a comprehensive set of Frequently Asked Questions, and resources and information on accessing Christian services digitally for those who cannot get to church. Advice on Coronavirus (COVID-19) afforded a higher priority, featuring on Home Page. (3 March 2020).

February 2020

- [Coronavirus: contingency planning and legislation](#). Diocese of London Guidance note in the event of Pandemic Virus; “Much of the current advice from the Church of England is based upon the premise that there is no immediate risk or need for action, but suggests that it is as well to be prepared for what might happen”. (29 February 2020).
- [Law and religion round-up – 23rd February](#). Legal status of national and diocesan requirements. The advice falls within the ordinary jurisdiction of the Bishop, and the exact details vary between dioceses. Those in the Peterborough [Ad Clerum](#) are amongst the most comprehensive and most prescriptive, but nevertheless contain a mix of mandatory and permissive language. “The Church of England advice was last updated on 20 February”. (23 February 2020).
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – latest news](#). “Still nothing much to do with law – or at least, only marginally so – but...”, Hmm. (14 February 2020).
- [Diocese of London advice on coronavirus – updated](#). Diocese of London [Guidance note in the event of Pandemic Virus](#) from the Archdeacon of London, principally about the risks of infection arising from the administration of Holy Communion. (1 February 2020).

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## L&RUK Updates

See also *L&RUK weekly round-ups* in list of the posts, *supra*. In view of the reduction in the amount of legislation and guidance by August 2021, from September these updated are issued on a monthly basis. New material is added to [COVID-19 Coronavirus: legislation and guidance](#) as before.

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- [8 August to 14 August](#): Travel restrictions and changes to self-isolation.
- [1 August to 7 August](#): Church in Wales update for Alert Level Zero; Masks in Scotland from 9 August.
- [25 July to 31 July](#): CofE Q&A added “*What is the Church of England’s position on ‘vaccine passports’?*”; CofE Recovery Group formally concluded.
- [18 July to 24 July](#): New legislation and guidance for Step 4 in England.
- [11 July to 17 July](#). Legislation and guidance in anticipation of Step 4 (England).
- [4 July to 10 July](#): Anticipated changes for Step 4 (England).
- [27 June to 3 July](#). Weddings, travel arrangements; admission to faith schools.
- [20 June to 26 June](#). Amendments to travel regulations, (England); revised regulation for person responsible for “regulated premises”, (Wales); variations on social distancing, (Scotland); Guidance for outdoor weddings in England.
- [13 June to 20 June](#). New legislation and guidance for changes to Step 3 in England, relaxation of singing provisions in Wales (though with some strange aspects).
- [7 June to 12 June](#). Includes government response to e-petition.
- [30 May to 6 June](#). Updates from Association of British Choral Directors and CCCBR.
- [23 May to 29 May](#). Various guidance on Step 3 in England
- [16 May to 22 May](#). Various guidance on Step 3 in England.
- [9 May to 15 May](#). Various guidance on further easing of COVID restrictions confirmed for 17 May.
- [2 May to 8 May](#). Press Notice on relaxation of numbers in funerals in England.
- [25 April to 1 May](#). Relaxation of restrictions in Wales, RSCM update on singing.
- [18 April to 24 April](#). Changes to NI legislation, CofE guidance on APCMs.
- [11 April to 17 April](#). On going, including England move to “Step 2” are; COVID-19 advice for Ramadan.
- [4 April to 10 April](#). COVID-19 arrangements and funeral of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
- [28 March to 3 April](#). Updated guidance from CofE and CinW.
- [21 March to 27 March](#). Guidance for Holy Week and Easter.
- [14 March to 20 March](#). Weddings in England: “Step 2” relaxation of lockdown, Statement by UK Weddings Taskforce; places of worship and the latest Welsh Regulations; Guidance for Ramadan; extension of regulations in Wales and Scotland.
- [7 March to 13 March](#), Easing the lockdown in Scotland Easing the lockdown in England; Marriage law: forthcoming events; Book launch.
- [28 February to Saturday 6 March](#). And in *Quires and Places where they sing* (or not)....

- [21 February to 27 February](#). COVID-19: easing the lockdown in England & Scotland Reopening churches in Scotland; Review of coronavirus legislation; The EU Council, COVID-19 and human rights; An illegal religious gathering in Nottingham?
- [14 February to 20 February](#). COVID-19 and closure of churches in Scotland, *Noli me tangere*.
- [7 February to 13 February](#). St Valentine and COVID-19; Closure of churches in Scotland
- [31 January to 6 February 2021](#). Changes to NI legislation.
- [24 January to 30 January](#). COVID-19 legislation; Closure of churches in Scotland – *déjà-vu*.
- [17 January to 23 January](#). Closing places of worship in Scotland; Opening places of worship in Scotland; Church of England services in Lent, Holy Week and Easter: 2021; Guernsey in lockdown; General Synod Meetings 2021, House of Bishops Meeting.
- [10 January to 16 January](#). Safe use of places of worship; Church of England – updated guidance on COVID-19.
- [3 January to 9 January](#). Suspending public worship: – England; – Northern Ireland; and – Scotland. Continuing Public Worship – Wales.

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- [27 December to 2 January](#), Places of worship during lockdown.
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- [29 November to 5 December](#), COVID-19 and judicial review; APPG Coronavirus.
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- [25 October to 31 October](#), announcement of England lock-down.
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- [11 October to 17 October](#). Initial comment on “three-tier” restrictions.
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- [20 September to 26 September](#) – QR codes for “NHS Test and Trace”; Virtual sittings of C of E General Synod.
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- [16 August to 22 August](#) – COVID-19 and religious services in Scotland; revision of L&RUK pages on coronavirus legislation and guidance; developments on singing in church and PERFORM port; special session of General Synod on virtual sessions.
- [9 August to 15 August](#)– Church of Scotland and COVID-19; Wedding and civil partnership receptions in England; Individual cups for Holy Communion; Singing in churches; Pipe organs in Wales.
- [2 August to 8 August](#) – Wearing face coverings from 8 August, in England and Scotland; Church of England General Synod.
- [26 July to 1 August](#) – local lockdowns on several areas of Lancashire and parts of West Yorkshire, including Blackburn and Bradford.

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