

News release – Wednesday 2nd December 2020

UPDATE: NEW COVID ALERT LEVELS – GUIDANCE FOR OUTDOOR BOWLS CLUBS

We are aware that many of our clubs with artificial surfaces are keen to return to the green following the Government's introduction of a new three-tier system to control Covid-19. We are therefore pleased to provide this short update to our members, which should be read in conjunction with our [earlier guidance issued on 18th September 2020](#).

[Government guidance](#) published today (Wednesday 2nd December 2020) advises that organised outdoor sport is permitted in all three tiers therefore organised outdoor bowls can return at all COVID-19 alert levels within the rule of six, permitting play without restriction on number of households. In providing this advice, we do recommend that all participants (particularly those within Tier 3) display additional vigilance and avoid close proximity with anyone outside their household/bubble.

The following revised guidance applies to those clubs with bars/restaurants:

Tier One: MEDIUM RISK

Club bars and restaurants are permitted to be open under the rule of 6, but with table service only, between the hours of 5am to 11pm. Last orders have to be at 10pm with all guests leaving the venue by 11pm.

Tier Two: HIGH RISK

Club bars and restaurants can remain open between the hours of 5am to 11pm but are only allowed to have people from the same household / support bubble on a table. Alcohol is only permitted to be sold with a substantial meal. Last orders have to be at 10pm with guest leaving the venue by 11pm.

Tier Three: VERY HIGH RISK

Club bars and restaurants will not be allowed to open but are permitted to continue sales by takeaway, click-and-collect or delivery services.

To see which level of risk applies to you/your club [please use the Government's post code tracker](#).

We remind all clubs that items may be adapted as necessary to meet your club's specific circumstances, so long as your actions remain consistent with the latest Government guidance and that the [Government guidance on social distancing](#) is adhered to at all times.

The Government will be reviewing the areas within each Tier on 16th December 2020. To ensure you receive the latest updates from Bowls England, [sign up to our e-newsletter](#) now.

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