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Dear Darren

As the Prime Minister set out in his speech to the House on 23 June, from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, pubs, restaurants and hairdressers will be able to reopen in England. New Covid-19 secure guidance for the hospitality sector and hairdressers means businesses will be able to reopen, provided they meet government criteria for keeping staff and customers as safe as possible.

Working alongside key industry stakeholders, businesses in key sectors and trades unions, the Government has developed clear plans in line with scientific advice and public health directions, building on existing guidance published on 11 May.

The new guidance sets out a range of measures for pubs and restaurants to become Covid-19 secure, including:

- Requiring use of table service where possible instead of ordering at the bar and assigning a single staff member per table;
- Encouraging use of contactless ordering from tables where available, such as through an app;
- Discouraging non-essential trips by staff within venues, such as between the kitchen and front of house, by using radios and other electronic devices to communicate;
- Encouraging customers to use hand sanitiser or handwashing facilities as they enter the venue; and
- Providing clear guidance on social distancing and hygiene as people arrive on the premises, with signage and visual aids.

The guidance means indoor and outdoor bars, cafes and restaurants will be allowed to reopen for business from 4 July, provided they meet current government criteria for safe reopening.

The guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/restaurants-offering-takeaway-or-delivery>.

The new Close Contact Services guidance advises that businesses will need to:

- Provide a clear visor to be worn by hairdressers and barbers
- Operate an appointment-only booking system to minimise the number of people on the premises at any one time and maintain sufficient spacing between client chairs

- Increase the frequency of hand washing and surface cleaning, as well as regularly cleaning equipment or using disposable equipment where possible
- Ensure a limited and fixed number of staff work together, if they have to be in close proximity with each other to do their jobs.

Hairdressers and barbershops can reopen from 4 July to undertake any service relating to the cutting and treatment of hair on the head, provided they meet the Covid-19 secure criteria. The guidance also applies to those who provide mobile hair services in their own homes, in other people's homes and those undertaking courses on hair in vocational training environments. All other close contact services, including nail salons, makeup, tattoo and tanning studios, sports and massage therapy locations, will remain closed until further notice. However, this guidance will help them prepare for when they are able to open.

The guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/close-contact-services>.

The ability to move to 1m plus where a 2m distance is not possible and where other mitigating actions have been taken, as announced by the Prime Minister, will help many pubs, restaurants and hairdressers, open on 4 July and remain financially viable. These measures will not only help businesses get back on their feet but will also ensure that we keep the British public safe.

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