

Road Map Out of Lockdown

“The road map that will guide us cautiously but irreversibly towards reclaiming our freedoms while doing all we can to protect our people against Covid. Today’s measures will apply in England.” Boris Johnson , 22nd February 2021.

Step One 8 March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay at home remains in place. • One named visitor to care home residents. • One Plus One outdoor meetings for recreation allowed. • All schools and FE settings face-to-face teaching returns, childcare permitted. • Some specialist university courses reopen, most others remain on-line.
29 March 2021 Including school Easter holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor meetings of two households permitted. • Tennis, basketball courts and outdoor swimming pools reopen. • No longer legally required to stay at home, but please work at home if possible. • Rule of Six returns outdoors and in private gardens.
Step Two 12 April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopen non-essential retail, personal care premises, nail salons, hairdressers, gyms, libraries, zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas. • Reopen outdoors pubs & restaurants. Substantial meal requirement and curfews dropped, ending of scotch egg controversy. • Cottage & holiday let stay permitted for one household.
Step Three 17 May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two households can meet indoors. • Rule of Six dropped outdoors subject to a limit of 30. • Pubs, restaurants, cinemas, hotels, B&Bs and play areas indoors to reopen. • Sports stadia to reopen with limits depending on capacity sizes. • Pilot initiative for larger events with enhanced testing.
Step Four 21 June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining hospitality reopens including night clubs. • All legal limits on social contacts end. • Large event restrictions end, potentially using testing.

The above is subject to four key tests

Test One	The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.
Test Two	The evidence shows that vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths.
Test Three	Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.
Test Four	Our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new variants of covid that cause concern.

Other key dates

15 February 2021	In England, everyone in the top four priority groups was successfully offered a vaccine.
15 April 2021	All those in groups 5 to 9 to have received a first dose of vaccine.
31 July 2021	Every adult in England to have received a first dose of vaccine.

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