

This page sets out the full list of local restriction tiers by area from Wednesday 16 December 2020. Some areas will change tier on 19 December.

Tier 1: Medium alert

Tier 2: High alert

Tier 3: Very High alert

Decisions on which area goes into which tier are primarily based on 5 key epidemiological indicators:

- case detection rates in all age groups
- case detection rates in the over-60s
- the rate at which cases are rising or falling
- positivity rate (the number of positive cases detected as a percentage of tests taken)
- pressure on the NHS

The indicators are designed to provide a full picture of what is happening with the virus in any area so that suitable action can be taken.

[Find out more information on tiers](#), including what you can and cannot do in each tier.

Changes from the beginning of Saturday 19 December

The following areas will be moving tier from the beginning of Saturday 19 December

Areas that will move from Tier 3 to Tier 2:

South West

- Bristol
- North Somerset

Areas that will move Tier 2 to Tier 1:

West Midlands

- Herefordshire

Areas that will move from Tier 2 to Tier 3:

East of England

- Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes
- Peterborough

South East

- Buckinghamshire
- Hastings and Rother
- Surrey (excluding Waverley)
- Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth
- Berkshire (Reading, Wokingham, Bracknell Forest, Windsor and Maidenhead and West Berkshire)
- Hertfordshire (all remaining local authorities that are currently still in Tier 2)

Tier 1: Medium alert

South East

- Isle of Wight

South West

- Cornwall
- Isles of Scilly

Tier 2: High alert

East of England

- Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (will move to Tier 3 from the beginning of Saturday 19 December)
- Cambridgeshire
- Peterborough (will move to Tier 3 from the beginning of Saturday 19 December)()
- The following local authorities in Essex:
 - Colchester
 - Tendring
 - Uttlesford

- The following local authorities in Hertfordshire (will all move to Tier 3 from the beginning of Saturday 19 December):
 - Dacorum
 - East Hertfordshire
 - North Hertfordshire
 - St Albans
 - Stevenage
 - Welwyn Hatfield
- Norfolk
- Suffolk

East Midlands

- Northamptonshire
- Rutland

North West

- Cumbria
- Liverpool City Region
- Warrington and Cheshire

South East

- Brighton and Hove

- Berkshire (currently all of Berkshire except Slough is in Tier 2: from the beginning of Saturday 19 December all of Berkshire will be in Tier 3)
- Buckinghamshire (will move to Tier 3 from the beginning of Saturday 19 December)
- East Sussex (Currently all of East Sussex is in Tier 2: from the beginning of Saturday 19 December Hastings and Rother will move to Tier 3)
- Oxfordshire
- Surrey (all local authorities, excluding Waverley, will move to Tier 3 from the beginning of Saturday 19 December)
- West Sussex
- The following local authorities in Hampshire:
 - Basingstoke and Deane
 - East Hampshire
 - Eastleigh
 - Fareham
 - Hart
 - New Forest
 - Southampton
 - Test Valley
 - Winchester
 - Rushmoor
 - The following local authorities in Hampshire will be moving to Tier 3 from the beginning of Saturday 19 December
 - Gosport
 - Havant
 - Portsmouth

South West

- Bath and North East Somerset
- Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole
- Devon, including Plymouth and Torbay
- Dorset
- Gloucestershire (Cheltenham, Cotswold, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury)
- Somerset (South Somerset, Somerset West and Taunton, Mendip and Sedgemoor)
- Wiltshire and Swindon

West Midlands

- Herefordshire (will move to Tier 1 from the beginning of Saturday 19 December)
- Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin
- Worcestershire

Yorkshire

- City of York
- North Yorkshire

Tier 3: Very High alert

East Midlands

- Derby and Derbyshire
- Leicester and Leicestershire
- Lincolnshire
- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

East of England

Essex

- Basildon
- Braintree
- Brentwood
- Castle Point
- Chelmsford
- Epping Forest
- Harlow
- Maldon
- Rochford
- Southend-on-Sea
- Thurrock

Hertfordshire

- Broxbourne
- Hertsmere
- Three Rivers
- Watford

London

- All 32 boroughs plus the city of London

North East

- North East Combined Authority (this area includes the local authorities of):
 - County Durham
 - Gateshead
 - South Tyneside
 - Sunderland
- North of Tyne Combined Authority (this area includes the local authorities of):
 - Newcastle upon Tyne
 - North Tyneside
 - Northumberland
- Tees Valley Combined Authority (this area includes the local authorities of):
 - Darlington
 - Hartlepool
 - Middlesbrough
 - Redcar and Cleveland
 - Stockton-on-Tees

North West

- Greater Manchester
- Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool

South East

- Kent and Medway
- Slough

South West

- Bristol (will move to Tier 2 from the beginning of Saturday 19 December)
- North Somerset (will move to Tier 2 from the beginning of Saturday 19 December)
- South Gloucestershire

West Midlands

- Birmingham, Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton
- Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent
- Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull

Yorkshire and The Humber

- East Riding of Yorkshire
- Kingston upon Hull/Hull
- North East Lincolnshire
- North Lincolnshire
- South Yorkshire
- West Yorkshire