



Coronavirus

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# Advice for businesses during Covid-19 Recovery

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Kirklees Council is committed to recovery and bringing back an even stronger economy following the coronavirus lockdown. As businesses, your role is crucial in the future success of our towns, and the whole of Kirklees.

During the lockdown, we supported over 8,000 businesses to access Government financial support packages, and are now administering the Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund to help small businesses with ongoing fixed property-related costs.

We also spoke to 100s of businesses about how they could safely operate takeaway services or continue to manufacture or sell essential goods through social distancing and hygiene practices.

You can find information on all the latest national and local support for businesses as we recover from the pandemic on our website:

[www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19businessrecovery](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19businessrecovery)

## **Social distancing support**

To prepare for the increase in footfall we've put in place signage and markings to help with queuing and social distancing on our footpaths and precincts in Huddersfield and Dewsbury. The council will be monitoring the situation as shoppers return to other town centres in order to provide the right level of support to make sure everyone is kept safe.

We've prepared materials for you to download, to print off or send to a supplier for production which you can access on our website

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## **Current health advice – for all businesses**

The best way you can support your business is to make sure you follow the latest government advice on social distancing and hygiene, by putting in place measures to protect both staff and customers you can reduce the risk of a local outbreak. Remember that where possible you should put in place measures to keep everyone safely apart, and provide hand washing or sanitisation facilities, regular cleaning and good signage are also important. If you would like more support please contact:

[HealthAndSafety@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:HealthAndSafety@kirklees.gov.uk)

The latest government advice for businesses on working safely is available here: <https://bit.ly/safeworkinggov>

## Legionella

One of the most important concerns at times like these is Legionella. It is important that any businesses that have been shutdown during the COVID-19 pandemic control the risk of Legionella growth in their water systems. You can find advice on flushing regimes and risk controls for empty buildings online: <https://bit.ly/Legionellaguidance>

## Advice for hospitality businesses

If you run a food business and are thinking about opening up after you closed down during lockdown, you should contact the council's food safety team for advice: [food.safety@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:food.safety@kirklees.gov.uk)

You can also find information on things to consider when reopening on the Food Standards Agency website: <https://bit.ly/adaptingfoodbusiness>

Specific information for pubs and bars can be found here: <https://bit.ly/barscafesopen>

Specific information for businesses offering accommodation: <https://bit.ly/hotelsandguesthouses>

## Changes to roads in our town centres

During the first phase of recovery, to help make sure we can keep everyone safe, and make it easier to travel on foot or by bike in our town centre we have put in place some temporary road changes.

### From the 15 June in Huddersfield, the following will apply:

**Market Place** - closed to all traffic except cycles between 10am and 4pm (deliveries to be made before 10am and after 4pm)

**John William Street** - no parking (taxis and disabled parking only) road narrowed to a single lane carriageway

**Cloth Hall Street** - no parking (loading and blue badge parking only) loading and blue badge parking can be accessed using Chancery Lane (off Westgate)

- Church Street** - closed to all traffic except cycles between 10am and 4pm (deliveries to be made before 10am and after 4pm)
- Wood Street** - closed to all traffic except cycles between 10am and 4pm (deliveries to be made before 10am and after 4pm)
- Byram Street** - closed to all traffic except cycles between 10am and 4pm (deliveries to be made before 10am and after 4pm). Disabled parking available at all times.

**From 29 June in Huddersfield the following will apply:**

- Market Street** - bus stop outside Sainsbury's relocated to outside Farm Foods to allow extra space for social distancing. The blue badge parking outside Farm Foods will be moved to the other side of the road and will replace the general pay and display parking.
- Westgate** - road space reallocated to allow for active travel.

**From 29 June in Dewsbury the following will apply:**

- Longcauseway** - (Dewsbury Ring Road and Town Hall) - closed to all traffic except buses between 10am and 4pm (loading and deliveries can take place outside these times). Follow signed diversion routes.
- Crackenedge Lane** - (Corporation St to Old Wakefield Rd)- two way traffic reinstated, no parking to eastern side by fish and chip shop, reduced loading bay outside Wilko's and "priority give way" outside Barclay's Bank
- 25 – 33 Westgate** - Parking in the layby suspended and pavement widened to help people queue and pass.

Where possible we have tried to accommodate access to Blue Badge parking spaces and you can see how to access these on our website.

We will regularly review the temporary closures in response to feedback and tweak as appropriate.

**You can find maps of these road changes on our website.**

If you have any questions about these changes, you can email:  
[\*\*business.enquiries@kirklees.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:business.enquiries@kirklees.gov.uk)

In the longer term the council is also working with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority on plans to improve active travel in Kirklees; you can share your thoughts on which roads you think we should improve on the interactive map:

[www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/safestreets/maps/safestreets](http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/safestreets/maps/safestreets)

## Traffic queue management

We know that after a long period without access to shops, cafes, restaurants and bars demand will be significant, this is fantastic news for both businesses and the economy. However, it is incredibly important that we limit the impact of extra vehicles queuing on the road network. This can lead to safety risks for others using the roads including pedestrians and cyclists, and lead to potential for emergency services and people trying to deliver goods.

When you begin planning to reopen we would appreciate it if you take some responsibility for the management of people using your business, this includes managing traffic queuing on roads.

Please think about what affect queuing traffic might have on roads,

and what measures you might need to minimise delays, disruption and safety risks.

If you think there will be an impact on the roads around your business, we would encourage you to put in place a traffic management plan. If you are unsure how to do this, you could consider contacting a traffic management company for advice. If a traffic management plan is required, you can then discuss it withour highways department by emailing [tma.permits@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:tma.permits@kirklees.gov.uk)

## Licensing advice

If you are looking to set up tables and chairs on the pavement or other area outside your business please contact the Licensing Team for advice on: [licensing@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@kirklees.gov.uk).

## Stay connected

The situation and as such the advice available to you is constantly changing, to keep up to date on the latest news please visit

[www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19businessrecovery](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19businessrecovery)

You can also sign up to receive notifications by email at

[www.kirklees.gov.uk/stayconnected](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/stayconnected)

## Making changes to your business during Covid-19 Recovery

Are you are thinking of changing how you use your business, or are planning to use external areas in a different way e.g. car parking changing to a dining area/marquee site? Or, are you considering erecting temporary or permanent structures? Please contact Kirklees Planning Team in advance to see if you need planning permission.

**Email [dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk)**

## Be a good neighbour

Please consider the impact on neighbouring residents/businesses of more customers using your beer gardens, carparks and/or nearby outside areas to socialise . You should have plans in place to make sure your customers are not generating too much noise. You may also need to consider additional litter clear-ups and collections as customers are likely to be using more bottles and plastic glasses. You need to make sure litter from your premises is not left on nearby highway/public areas. If you require any advice on noise/noise control please contact the Pollution and Noise team on **01484 414739** or **[pollution@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:pollution@kirklees.gov.uk)**



**Be kind, give each other space  
and stay safe**

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