

The COVID Roadmap Spring 2021

The Four Tests



Test 1

The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.



Test 2

Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.



Test 3

Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.



Test 4

Our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern.

STEP 1: 8 March



Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.



Recreation or exercise outdoors with household or one other person.
No household mixing indoors.



Wraparound childcare.



Stay at home.



Funerals (30), wakes and weddings (6).

29 March



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors.
No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.



Organised outdoor sport allowed (children and adults).



Minimise travel.
No holidays.



Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).

STEP 2

At least five weeks after Step 1, no earlier than 12 April.



Indoor leisure (including gyms) open for use individually or within household groups.



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors.
No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor attractions, such as zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas.



Libraries and community centres.



Personal care premises.



All retail.



Outdoor hospitality.



All children's activities, indoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).



Domestic overnight stays (household only).



Self-contained accommodation (household only).



Funerals (30), wakes, weddings, receptions (15).



Minimise travel.
No international holidays.



Event pilots begin.

STEP 3

At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.



Indoor entertainment and attractions.



30 person limit outdoors.
Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).



Domestic overnight stays.



Organised indoor adult sport.



Most significant life events (30).



Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances).



Remaining accommodation.



Some large events (except for pilots) - capacity limits apply.

Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%.

Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%.

Outdoor seated events:
10,000 or 25%.



International travel - subject to review.

STEP 4

At least five weeks after Step 3, no earlier than 21 June.
By Step 4, the Government hopes to be able to introduce the following
(subject to review):



No legal limits on
social contact.



Nightclubs.



Larger events.



No legal limit on all
life events.

Brief commentary from CPT

It would seem that the interpretation of the proposed guidance (*and this is my personal interpretation*) is that the following apply to sacramental celebrations outside of the “extraordinary” circumstances that we currently have:

For Marriages:

Not earlier than 8 March	6 people (not including anyone who is working)
Not earlier than 12 April	15 people (not including anyone who is working)
Not earlier than 17 May	30 people (not including anyone who is working)
Not earlier than 21 June	no restrictions on numbers

For Funerals:

Not earlier than 8 March	30 people (not including anyone who is working)
Not earlier than 12 April	30 people (not including anyone who is working)
Not earlier than 17 May	30 people (not including anyone who is working)
Not earlier than 21 June	no restrictions on numbers

For Baptisms:

Not earlier than 17 May	30 people (not including anyone who is working)
Not earlier than 21 June	no restrictions on numbers

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