

# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information and advice for Horsham District residents

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## What you can and can't do from Saturday 4 July

### Gatherings, public spaces, and activities

- You can meet in groups of up to two households in any location - public or private, indoors or outdoors. You do not always have to meet with the same household - you can meet with different households at different times.
- When you are outside you can continue to meet in groups of up to six people from different households, following social distancing guidelines.
- Additional businesses and venues will be able to open, including pubs, restaurants and cafes.
- Outdoor playgrounds and outdoor gyms can open
- Stay overnight away from your home with your own household or [support bubble](#), or with members of one other household
- It will be against the law to gather in groups larger than 30 people, except for a limited set of circumstances to be set out in law.

[Read the full Government guidance about what you can and can't do from 4 July.](#)

### Restaurants, pubs, cafes and takeaway reopening

Public services across Sussex are preparing for the potential impact of the changes that will see people able to drink and socialise in 'Covid-secure' licensed premises for the first time in months.

If you are planning on visiting pubs and restaurants at the weekend, please enjoy yourself but stay safe and respect our local communities. Take note of the new restrictions in place, and avoid large crowds to keep each other safe.

[Read the Government guidance about meeting people outside of your home.](#)

### Clinically extremely vulnerable

From Monday 6 July, the guidance for vulnerable people who have been shielding during the coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown will be updated.

[Find out more about the Government's plan to support the clinically vulnerable.](#)

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## Respect people, property and the environment this weekend

We're delighted that more of our town centre businesses and parks facilities are intending to open this weekend and ask that you enjoy them safely.

We've had reports of litter, anti-social behaviour and social distancing being ignored over the past few weeks, and would like to remind everyone visiting our parks and town centres to please be respectful to people, property and the environment.



- [Maintain social distancing](#)
- If you are visiting a pub, café, shop or restaurant, please follow the guidelines set out by the management. They've put a lot of work in to get things ready for us all; let's help them to reopen and run their business safely
- Do not gather in large groups.
- We are working hard with the intention of opening all 52 of the council-owned play areas across the District safely on 4 July. If you are using our play areas, please [follow the guidance on our website](#) and the entrance signs and do not use equipment that is closed
- Please use litter bins or take your litter home with you
- [Report anti-social behaviour to Sussex Police](#)
- If you are a parent, take steps to keep your children safe. Encourage social distancing and safe use of play equipment, and check in with older children about their plans if they are going out to meet friends

Working together is the only way to keep our District safe for everyone, including more vulnerable members of our communities. Consider the impact of your actions on others, and take personal responsibility for your part in reducing our area's coronavirus risk.

The Council is working hard to:

- Make sure businesses feel supported in their work to reopen. [If you are a business owner looking for extra support, visit our website for guidance and resources.](#)
- Support the police by including known hotspots for anti-social behaviour on our neighbourhood warden rounds.

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## Parks and countryside

## Play areas to reopen 4 July

We have been working hard to put in place the Government recommended safety measures needed to re-open our play areas safely on Saturday 4 July, and we are delighted to confirm that all of our 52 play areas will be open to the public.

All council-owned play areas have been safety inspected but cannot be guaranteed to be coronavirus (COVID -19) free.

If you plan to use our play areas, please take all reasonable precautions to ensure your and your family's safety by [following the guidelines on our website](#) and on signage at each play area.



## Horsham Park outdoor gyms to reopen 4 July

The outdoor gym area at Horsham Park will also re-open on 4 July. Users should follow the on-site signage to ensure they are using the machines and fitness equipment correctly and if the equipment is busy and does not allow for adequate social distancing, return later to use it. This equipment is for use by adults and older children only.

[Visit our website for the latest information about the Council's parks, leisure and venues.](#)

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# Health and wellbeing

## New bike scheme increases mobility for local keyworkers

Cleaner air, improved community spirit and a better appreciation of physical exercise have all been considered as significant benefits coming out of the coronavirus lockdown period.

The Council's Sports Development team has embraced all of these benefits recently by supporting a new scheme which recycles old bicycles and gives them to NHS key workers and community hub volunteers, helping them to go about caring for the vulnerable in our local communities at this difficult time.



[Read more](#)

## New phone access health programme

In response to the current pandemic, the council's wellbeing team have launched a new health and wellbeing programme which can be accessed from home by phone. Find out more and book your place.



[Read more](#)

A poster from the NHS about handwashing. The left side shows a close-up of hands being washed with soap and water in a white sink. The right side is a blue background with the NHS logo at the top right. The main text reads "CORONAVIRUS HANDWASHING REMAINS CRITICAL" in large yellow and white letters. Below this, there are two bullet points: "Keep a safe distance from others (2 metres where possible)" and "Limit contact with other people". At the bottom, it says "For more ways to stay safe go to gov.uk/coronavirus". At the very bottom, a yellow banner with black text says "STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES". The HM Government logo is in the top left corner of the poster.

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