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Dear Resident,

The Prime Minister has just announced the Government's COVID Winter Plan to tackle COVID-19 between now and Spring when our advances in testing and vaccines should reduce the need for social restrictions.

I'm pleased to report that the nationwide lockdown will end as planned, and hoped, on December 2nd. However, the Government must take adequate precautions to ensure the NHS is ready and prepared for January and February which are traditionally its busiest months.

As such after December 2nd, the Government will re-introduce the regional tiered system but with a few differences – including uniformity of tier rules across the country. **I have summarised the new tier restrictions below**, which I hope residents will find useful.

On Thursday we will find out what tier our Local Authorities will be placed in, but my Ministerial colleagues have informed me that many local levels will be higher than they were previously, in the hopes that the toughened restrictions will allow the level to be reduced, rather than be lowered in early December and then increased. I have lobbied hard to ensure that tiers continue to be set at a borough or district level, rather than at a county or larger level, but given the high levels of infections in our communities I am not confident that this will necessarily be possible. However, I will persist in my efforts.

I wish to reassure residents that a new COVID-19 testing site will be established in Melton Mowbray from early December, and I strongly encourage all residents who have symptoms to get themselves urgently tested, and to re-double their efforts during this national lockdown and beyond to adhere to the restrictions.

I am, however, delighted to tell you that the Government and devolved administrations are working together to design **a time-limited change to social restrictions for the Christmas period**. This is something many residents have urged me to support the Government to introduce. I am confident that once the guidance is published, residents will make informed and sensible personal decisions about their festive plans - keeping in mind the risk to themselves and others, particularly those who are vulnerable. I will share more details when they are finalised.

Looking to the future, vaccines are at the heart of the Government's plan and the UK has procured over 350 million doses. We will be ready for a UK-wide vaccination programme to begin in December - provided regulators approve the vaccines. I thank our Local Councils for the work they are putting in place now to ensure we have local vaccination centres in place.

The restrictions summarised below are intended to carry us safely until the vaccination programme has been fully rolled out.

As ever, my team and I stand ready to support each of you. I will be in touch again on Thursday when I have further clarity on our tier levels locally.

Stay safe –



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Tier 1 Medium Alert:

- Maximum of six indoors or outdoors other than single households or support bubbles.
- Retail, entertainment and personal care open.
- Venues must be table service only. **They must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.**
- Overnight stays permitted with households, support bubble or up to 6 people.
- **Everyone who can work from home should do so.**
- Places of worship open, but the rule of 6 applies.
- 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes.
- 30 guests for funerals.
- Exercise classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but the rule of 6 must be followed indoors.
- Indoor leisure e.g. gyms and swimming open.
- **Elite sport, live performances and businesses events open to the public**

but limited to 50% capacity, or 4,000 outdoors/ 1,000 indoors (which ever is lower) with strict social distancing measures in place.

Tier 2: High Alert:

- No mixing of households indoors apart from support bubbles.
- Rule of six applies outdoors.
- Retail, entertainment and personal care reopen.
- Pubs and bars must close unless they are operating as restaurants.
- **Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals.**
- **Hospitality must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.**
- Overnight stays are only permitted with household or support bubble.
- **Everyone who can work from home should do so.**
- Places of worship open for individual prayer.
- 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes.
- 30 guests for funerals.
- Exercise classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households.
- Indoor leisure e.g. gyms and swimming open.
- **Elite sport, live performances and businesses events open to the public** but limited to 50% capacity, or 2000 outdoors/ 1000 indoors (whichever is lower) with strict social distancing measures in place.

Tier 3 Very High Alert:

** Areas placed in Tier 3 will be targeted with a 6-week surge in testing as we have recently seen in Liverpool**

- No mixing of households indoors or most outdoor places apart from support bubbles.
- Maximum of 6 in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, sports courts and public gardens).
- Hospitality is closed with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or

delivery.

- Retail and personal care open.
- Indoor entertainment venues closed.
- No overnight stays outside of local area, unless necessary for work, education or similar reasons.
- **Everyone who can work from home should do so.**
- Places of worship open for individual prayer.
- 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes.
- 30 people for funerals.
- Wedding receptions not permitted.
- Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity.
- Group exercise inside should not take place unless with household or support bubble.
- Indoor leisure e.g. gyms and swimming are open.
- Elite sport, live performances and business event should not take place but drive in events are permitted.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE TIER SYSTEM HERE



I am very keen to help any constituent who may require my assistance. If there is something you feel I could assist you with, please use the link below.

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