

# COVID-19 restrictions update: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The Northern Ireland Executive has agreed and announced new stricter lockdown measures from next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020, for two weeks.

Close-contact services and cafes can still open on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, as planned but only for one week. They will have to close again next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, while other hospitality sectors like pubs and licensed restaurants will remain closed throughout. Takeaway hospitality services will be allowed.

## **The full list of measures agreed by the Executive for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November:**

- Closure of all retail except essential retail that was permitted to stay open in the Spring.
- Off licences will remain open, with an 8pm closing.
- Closure of close contact services, and driving instruction (not motorcycles), except close contact for Film and TV production; those ancillary to medical, health and social care services; and elite-sports therapeutic services.
- Closure of all hospitality (except for accommodation for essential travel). Takeaway and delivery, and food and drink in motorway services, airports and harbour terminals remain open.
- Closure of all leisure and entertainment (to include all soft play areas, gyms, swimming pools etc).
- Sporting events only permitted for elite sports. Individual/household outdoor exercise and school PE to continue.
- Elite sports events behind closed doors without spectators.
- No household gatherings of more than one household, other than current arrangements for linked households (bubbles), with current exceptions for caring, maintenance, house moves, etc.
- Closure of places of worship, except for weddings, civil partnerships and funerals. Remain with 25 max for weddings and funerals.
- Stay at home, work from home if at all possible, otherwise only leave for essential purposes such as education, healthcare needs, to care for others or outdoor exercise.
- Schools and childcare to remain open.

- Universities / Further Education to provide learning at distance except where it is essential to provide it face to face.
- Public parks and outdoor play areas remain open.