

Health and Wellbeing Board

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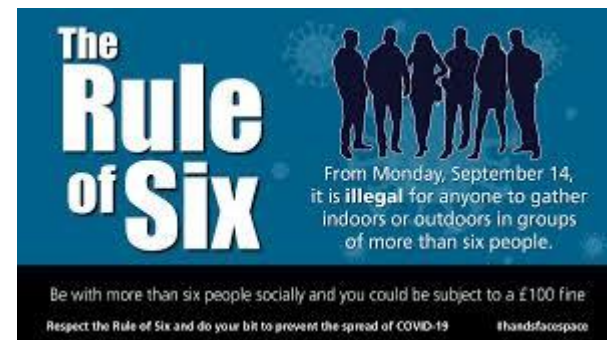
Covid 19 Update - Enforcement



Enforcing social distancing in the borough (public spaces and local businesses)

Social Distancing - gatherings

- New Regulations introduced on 14 September 2020
- Cannot gather in groups of more than 6; except
- Groups larger than 6 permitted at non-residential premises and public outdoor places run by business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body
- Police are the enforcers for this using FPNs
- Local authorities do not have the powers to enforce the law on gatherings



Businesses – supporting track and trace

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc and Related Requirements) Regulations 2020

- New Regulations introduced on 18 September 2020 and some provisions come into force on 24 September
- Applies to certain premises and sectors (listed in the schedule) e.g. restaurants, libraries, hairdressers.
- Business required to display QR code on entry (for customers to log contact details on smartphone) or businesses must ask for customers contact details.
- This includes for staff and volunteers.
- Keep records for 21 days and then destroy.
- Must take reasonable steps to refuse entry if contact details not provided (some premises exempt)



CUSTOMER SIGN UP



Businesses – supporting track and trace

- The business is liable for enforcement action.
- Enforced by Environmental Health and Trading Standards (and the Police)
- Enforced by Fixed Penalty Notice, or prosecution
 - £1000 FPN for first offence (reduced to £500 if paid within 14 days)
 - Increasing to FPNs of £2000, £3000 and £4000 for 2nd, 3rd and 4th offence



At Table Eating/Drinking - Inside Businesses: Social distancing

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Hospitality Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020

- New Regulations introduced on 18 September 2020.
- Applies to businesses where food or drink is consumed on the premises.
- Not allow bookings of more than 6 in a group (some exemptions apply) or mixing of groups of 6.
- Need to ensure that there is social distancing between tables (2 metres, or at least 1 metre if back to back seating, or screens or other measures).
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 - Increasing to FPNs of £2000 and £4000 for 2nd and 3rd and subsequent offences



Local Contact Tracing



- Public Health England refer cases to us that they have been unable to contact within 24 hours
- Environmental Health have recently started undertaking local contact tracing
- We currently, on the same day, check any other contact details we have within the Council and email/ text and or phone/ visit to make contact to ensure self-isolating, complete questionnaire and identify any close contact or implicated premises



Self- Isolation - Financial Support

- Measures announced Sunday 20 September and further details awaited.....
- Will become law from 28 September to self isolate if requested by NHS Track and Trace
- Failure to do so is punishable by a fine of £1K up to £10K for individuals or for businesses forcing staff to work.
- NHS T&T will ask the Police or Council to visit if concerns that cases are not self-isolating
- The enforcement powers to be given to the Police and Council (Environmental Health and Trading Standards)
- £500 payment can be claimed for the self isolation period by those working and on low income (eg benefits) and cannot work from home
- Government expects the £500 payment system to be up and running by 12 October, administered by local authorities.



Sub- Regional Enforcement Group



- Reports into CEO Strategic Group
- Chaired by Director of Environment LBE
- Representatives from – Enfield, Haringey, Barnet, Hackney, Camden and Islington
- Police will join group going forward.
- Purpose – to join up, coordinate and have consistent approach.
- Identify cross boundary issues and coordinate response.

