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UPDATE



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Transport guidance concerning the lockdown in England

Due to the rapid rise of coronavirus cases across the country, you will know that a new lockdown in England has been [announced](#).

You must not leave your home unless you have a reasonable excuse (for example, for work or education purposes). If you need to travel you should stay local – meaning avoiding travelling outside of your village, town or the part of a city where you live – and look to reduce the number of journeys you make overall.

Full details [here](#). The guidance states:

Public Transport

- You may only leave your home for work if you cannot reasonably work from home.
- If you need to travel, walk or cycle where possible, plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. This will allow you to practice social distancing while you travel.
- If you need to use public transport, you should follow the [safer travel guidance](#).

International Travel

- You can only travel internationally – or within the UK – where you first have a legally permitted reason to leave home. You should not travel abroad unless it is permitted. This means you must not go on holiday. In addition, you should consider the public health advice in the country you are visiting.

- UK residents currently abroad do not need to return home immediately. However, they should check with their airline or travel operator about arrangements for returning.

Driving and Theory Tests

- The Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency has suspended all [driving tests](#) and [theory tests](#). If your test is affected the DVSA will contact you.

Lockdown grants to support businesses and protect jobs

Following the announcement of a new national lockdown, the Chancellor has [announced](#) that businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors are to receive a one-off grant worth up to £9,000.

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