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# 27th Nov - 11 Dec Restriction Event Regulation Coverage

23 November 2020



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## Introduction

New measures were announced by the Executive on 19th November detailing a pre-Christmas restriction event between 27th Nov - 11th Dec.

[NB the end date for these regulations has become ambiguous: either two weeks from 27 November (i.e. the end of 10 December) or 'until 11 December'. This has to be determined.]

These measures will need to be reflected in sealed regulations for the restriction period.

The objectives of this working group is to ensure that the announced measures and underlying intent is reflected in the regulations that come into force at 00:01 on 27th November.

## Restriction Measures (1)

Stated Measures	Dept/s	Regulations	Notes/Issues
Closure of all retail except essential retail that was permitted to stay open in March	DfE	24/3/20 list of essential retail: <a href="https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/node/43279">https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/node/43279</a>	Do we want a definition against which to measure whether something is essential? Do we define it by outlet or product/service? Do we learn from E/SW?  "Essential retail comprises those retail outlets that primarily sell items or services the absence of which for sale would lead to disadvantage or harm to the customer."
Off licences will remain open, with an 8pm closing	DfE/DfC	8pm closing introduced in 16th Oct regulations	As under current Restrictions
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 - i.e. - as 13 October- 19 November	DfE/DfC/DfI		As under current Restrictions  [do we want to get closer to defining 'ancillary'? Sports therapeutics for non-elite athletes?]
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.	DfC/DfE		'Hospitality' here seems to cover food & drink and accommodation. Does this just add unlicensed coffee shops back in to the closed list? Anything else?  Seeking confirmation about self-contained accommodation (self-catering etc.)
Closure of all leisure and entertainment (to include all soft play areas, gyms, swimming pools etc)	DfC		What else is added that is not already closed? What is outdoor leisure, and what must be closed? Activities? Anything organized? What about leisure centre, self-catering? What is the

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## Restriction Measures (2)

Stated Measures	Dept/s	Regulations	Notes/Issues
Sporting events only permitted for elite sports. Individual/household outdoor exercise and school PE to continue.	DfC/DfE		Adding restrictions upon outdoor non-contact sport and training (golf, tennis) We will need an exception for individual (and household) exercise (and non-exercise sport)
Elite sports events behind closed doors without spectators	DfC		What is a spectator? Can some elite sports take place where 'behind closed doors' is meaningless?
<i>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.</i>	All		<i>As under current Restrictions</i>
Closure of places of worship, except for weddings, civil partnerships and funerals. Remain with 25 max for weddings and funerals			i.e. no services, no private prayer, no baptisms What about non-church weddings / civil partnership / funerals? What about recording / broadcasting of services from church buildings? Other activities in church buildings?
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.	All	No changes anticipated	

### Restriction Measures (3)

Stated Measures	Dept/s	Regulations	Notes/Issues
Schools and childcare to remain open	DE	No changes anticipated	
Universities / FE to provide learning at distance except where it is essential to provide it face to face	DfE	No changes anticipated	
Public parks and outdoor play areas remain open	DfC	No changes anticipated	What is the difference between an outdoor play area and an outdoor activity centre?
Stay at home in guidance, with liaison with PSNI on policing and police visibility	DoJ		
Financial support package to be developed over next few days	DfE/DoF		