

# **WHAT ARE THE REVISED RULES** **FOR PUBS FROM 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** **2020**

## **1. 10.00pm curfew**

By law we are to close our doors at 10.00pm

## **2. The wearing of face coverings**

All members of staff are required to wear a face covering. Customers entering the premises are also required to wear a face covering until they have been seated.

## **3. Table service**

The Government has announced that table service is to be mandatory indoors. Customers seated outside are required to wear face masks when entering the premises and can order their drinks at the bar. Other than that there is to be no standing or waiting at the bar.

## **4. Contactless Ordering**

Where possible, guidelines also suggest that venues make it possible for guests to order and pay through a contactless app. Unfortunately we do not have that facility at the moment.

## **5. No loud music or live entertainment**

The guidelines explicitly state that venues should ensure that guests aren't needing to raise their voices or lean in to hear one another, stating 'this includes, but is not limited to, refraining from playing music or broadcasts that may encourage shouting, including if played at a volume that make normal conversation difficult.'

The guidance warns venues they 'should not permit live performances, including drama, comedy and music, to take place in front of a live audience.'

## **6. Rule of six**

When sitting inside pubs or restaurants, social gatherings of more than six people will not be allowed in law.

The rule of six also remains in force in pub beer gardens.

## **7. Disposable condiments and cutlery**

In addition to being advised to use disposable condiments so that one bottle of ketchup, for example, doesn't get used by several people in one day, cutlery will not be laid out on tables unless people order food.

The guidance says venues should 'minimise customer self-service of food, cutlery and condiments to reduce the risk of transmission. For example, providing cutlery and condiments only when food is served.'

## **8. Venues to keep a record of contact details**

Venues are required, by law, to 'assist (NHS Test and Trace) by keeping a temporary record of customers and visitors for 21 days.'

The thought that if there is a breakout of the virus again, people can be contacted easily to help minimise potentially spreading this further.

## **9. No more than 30 people indoors**

Even if a venue has the capacity to hold more than that number safely indoors, the guidelines insist that no more than 30 should be allowed to congregate indoors.

This is in part due to their safety in getting to and from the venue. The majority of our customers will either walk, cycle or drive here.

## **10. One-in, one-out toilets**

In the guidelines, pubs are urged to use a 'limited entry approach' with a 'one in one out' rule.