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Introduction

No sooner had Revision 2 of this guidance been published when all the regulations were changed and even before Revision 3 could be published, they changed again.

The situation changes very quickly, hence this guidance cannot be definitive and the situation may change at short notice in accordance with future government guidance and legislation.

You are advised to refer to the relevant Government Advice before organising any meetings or events.

This guidance is based on Government Information issued up to the **14th October 2020**

The Government is now issuing new guidance and updates daily, some of which appears contradictory and confusing and most of which is irrelevant to the aims of the NVTEC.

The information below is taken from Government Advice and Guidance explaining the new restrictions and how they may apply to the activities of the NVTEC, its Groups and other similar organisations.

So that more people can lead lives closer to normal, the Government is replacing national restrictions with local action to contain local outbreaks. Where increased local transmission of COVID-19 is identified, areas may be required to take additional measures to reduce the spread of the virus.

Unless stated otherwise this information primarily applies in England. Groups in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland should refer to their own government's guidance for details specific to their country.

What you cannot do according to government guidance.

England

Tier 1 (Medium Risk)

- It is now against the law for more than **6 people** to gather or socialise in private homes, public places, gardens, and other outdoor spaces.

Tier 2 (High Risk)

- It is against the law to meet or socialise indoors with any other household
- It is against the law for more than **6 people** to gather or socialise outdoors in gardens, public places, and other outdoor spaces.

Tier 3 (Very High Risk)

- It is against the law to socialise with anybody you do not live with in any indoor setting, private garden or most outdoor hospitality venues.
- You cannot socialise in a group of more than 6 in an outdoor public space

Any one organising or facilitating an illegal meeting may be subject to a fine of £10,000. Those attending an illegal meeting of more than 6 persons may also be subject to a fine of £200 rising to £6,400 for repeat offences.

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What you might be able to do according to government guidance.

It is difficult to see from the Government Guidance exactly what is permissible, but it is thought the following may be possible in **Tier 1** areas.

It is unlikely that any of the following may be possible in Tier 2 or Tier 3 areas.

NB

Before arranging any meetings or events organisers are strongly advised to speak with their Local Authorities Safety Advisory Group and or Environmental Health Officer. They will be able to advise exactly what is permitted and what action needs to be taken in your particular area.

Any meetings and events are likely to require a Covid 19 Risk Assessment. Guidance on what to include, together with a sample risk assessment, is given on the HSE website (see References below). Employers have a legal responsibility to protect workers and others from risk to their health and safety, the HSE consider volunteers to be employees of the organisers for the purposes of health and safety legislation.

Social Meetings

Social meetings are currently not possible due to the "Rule of 6"

Groups might consider 'virtual meetings' making talks and presentations available to their members via closed social media groups, zoom meetings or similar.

Tractor Road Runs

It may be possible to organise small low-key tractor road runs providing they can be organised by mobile phone or social media and no more than 6 people need to meet together.

Participants would need to arrive on their tractor and not leave it before setting off on the road run. Lunch stops etc. would not be possible.

Crank ups

Small low-key crank ups, possibly as an adjunct to a local museum or similar, may be possible providing social distancing can be maintained and no more than 6 persons meet together. Note that members of one group of 6 may not interact with members of another group of 6.

Ploughing matches

It may be possible to organise and participate in a competitive ploughing match, as competitive sporting events are still allowed, provided;

1. entry is restricted to competitors, judges and administrators only
2. a COVID-19 Secure risk assessment and plan is in place
3. social distancing is practiced between all concerned
4. contact details of all competitors, judges and administrators are held for 21 days after the event for Track and Trace requirements

Sales

Outdoor sales and auctions, especially those organised by businesses, may be possible in much the same way as markets are currently held with suitable social distancing of vendors

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What you can do according to government guidance.

England

The Government Guidance does not specifically state what is permissible in respect of the aims of the NVTEC and much of what is permitted is the opposite of what is not permitted, see above.

Tier 1 Medium Risk

You can meet in groups of up to **6 persons** in any location - public or private, indoors or outdoors. However, it remains the case - even inside someone's home - that you should socially distance, by 2.0m, from anyone not in your household.

Activities, such as organised sport, exercise classes and other activity groups can continue with more than 6 people present provided that groups of more than 6 do not mix, Where it is likely that groups will mix these activities must not go ahead.

Businesses and venues following COVID-19 Secure guidelines can host larger groups where legally permitted.

This is also the case for events in public outdoor spaces that are organised by businesses, charitable or political organisations, and public bodies, provided they take reasonable steps to mitigate the risk of transmission, in line with COVID-19 Secure guidance and including completion of a risk assessment.

Tier 2 High Risk

Meetings and events are not possible

Tier 3 Very High Risk

Meetings and events are not possible

References

Further information can be found on the various Government websites as follows;

England

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

Meeting people from outside your household

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household>

The Visitor Economy, indoor and outdoor attractions

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/the-visitor-economy#shops-4-1>

Covid-19 Alert Levels

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know>

HSE Coronavirus (COVID-19): latest information and advice

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.htm>

HSE Working safely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (Risk Assessment)

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/working-safely/risk-assessment.htm>

HSE What to include in your COVID-19 Risk Assessment

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/assets/docs/risk-assessment.pdf>

Scotland

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Wales

<https://gov.wales/local-lockdown>

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance#section-39237>

Northern Ireland

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-and-localised-restrictions>

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