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EURO 2020 (2021)

Dear business owner/licensee,

You no doubt will be aware that the postponed EURO 2020 championships are taking place between June 11th and July 11th.

England's first 3 games are on Sunday 13th, Friday 18th and Sunday 22nd of June.

This is a major opportunity to attract customers who want to watch live matches in a great atmosphere within the hospitality industry. We want to support you to operating in a safe and successful manner. To help you get ready the British Beer & Pub Association have issued guidance for licensees. Their document '**Advice for licensees showing European Championship football matches in 2021**' is available on the following link:

<https://beerandpub.com/licensee-guidance/euro-2020-guidance/>.

We would encourage you to familiarise yourself with the content of this guidance, implement the suggested steps and in particular review your current risk assessments.

Road Closure:

During the England matches the Council has arranged to close Bradshawgate in Bolton Town Centre. This road closure will be in place for 2 hours before kick-off and remain in place for 2 hours at the end of the match. For information on road closures, please visit www.bolton.gov.uk.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued hard work and effort in making your premises Covid secure. I am delighted that there has been excellent compliance across Bolton since moving into Step 3. Our aim is to support and enable you to provide a hospitality offer that ensures the safety of your staff and customers. I have included at page 2 a reminder of the most recent COVID-19 guidance, links to further support and information, but please remember Bolton's current rates are still high and I'd ask you to remain extra cautious as we move forward.

I will write again once the national picture on Step 4 has been confirmed, but if you have any questions, please contact us by email at licensing.covidrecovery@bolton.gov.uk

Best wishes as we move forward.

Yours faithfully

Patricia Clyne
Principal Licensing Officer

Further information and support:

Government guidance - Reopening businesses and venues:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/reopening-businesses-and-venues-in-england/reopening-businesses-and-venues

Legislation: [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Steps\) \(England\) Regulations 2021](#)

1. SERVICE OF FOOD AND DRINK ON PREMISES

Where alcohol is served on premises:

- **Food or drink must be ordered and served whilst customers are seated.** This means **customers cannot order at a bar or counter.** Businesses must take steps to ensure that customers remain seated whilst consuming their food or drink.

2. NUMBER OF PERSONS PERMITTED

Groups in indoor settings:

- Customers will be able to meet in groups up to 6 people (the Rule of 6) or as two households.

Groups in outdoor settings:

- Customers will be able to meet in groups up to 30 people.
- Outdoor shelters are permitted but must have at least 50% of their wall area open to be classed as 'outside'. Any structures / covered areas must comply with health & safety and fire risk assessments.
- Calculate your customer capacity limits for indoor and outdoor settings in line with Covid / health and safety / fire safety risk assessments and ensure that these numbers are not breached. People from different households should be socially distanced (2 metre or 1 metre with mitigation).

3. TEST AND TRACE INFORMATION

If customers are eating and/or drinking on your premises, you are legally obliged to:

- display and make available the NHS QR Code for customers with a smartphone to scan upon entry. You can use this link to obtain one for your business – www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster
- record contact details for all customers, staff, and visitors over the age of 16. Details must be stored for 21 days and shared with NHS Test & Trace and the local authority if requested.
- you must ensure that customers use the QR code, or you can use your own test and trace system, in addition to displaying the NHS QR code.

- you must refuse entry to customers who refuse to provide these details, or where you have reason to believe the details provided are inaccurate.

4. FACE COVERINGS

You are legally obliged to display a notice, reminding customers to wear a face covering before entering indoor premises, unless they are exempt from doing so.

Customers must wear face coverings in hospitality venues when indoors (unless exempt).

Customers are permitted to remove their face covering when seated to eat or drink but are required to put their face covering back on once they have finished eating or drinking and when accessing toilets for example. Customers using outdoor settings will be required to wear a face covering if accessing indoor facilities including toilets. It is also compulsory for staff in hospitality venues to wear face coverings, in indoor areas that are open to the public, unless exempt.

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

Businesses are required to ensure they have a suitable and sufficient risk assessment in place for all activities and which covers the risk from coronavirus. This includes adequate ventilation to dilute any potential coronavirus in occupied spaces, lowering the chance of transmission. For further guidance on risk assessments, please visit www.businessbolton.org/covid19

Staff Testing

Many businesses have already been encouraging their employees to conduct twice weekly rapid/lateral flow tests as part of the enhanced testing program. This has proved very successful and should continue as it helps to identify more positive cases, especially in asymptomatic cases. There are several ways to order more lateral flow tests for free, including the council's own courier service where any Bolton based company requiring 20 or more test kits can email us at boltontesting@bolton.gov.uk and we can arrange delivery.

More information on obtaining test kits can be found at www.businessbolton.org/testing.

Business compliance activity

Bolton Regulatory Services and Greater Manchester Police will be undertaking regular visits to premises, to support the sector and ensure that activity is being delivered safely and in compliance with the Regulations. Whilst in most instances we will seek to offer advice and support, any significant or persistent non-compliance will receive appropriate formal action where necessary.

Please re-familiarise yourself with the conditions of your premises licence, and where appropriate, your pavement licence terms and conditions. With increased provision of outdoor hospitality and increased ventilation to indoor settings, please be mindful of the impacts of noise and be considerate of neighbours, mitigating impacts. Additionally, loud TV, entertainment and music are likely to encourage audience behaviours, such as shouting and singing, which increase the risk of transmission and as such should be kept to a minimum.

Business support and Grants

Bolton Council is keen to engage with you to ensure that you are aware of the full range of business support that may be available to you. You can find further information here: www.businessbolton.org