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Dear Licensees

Coronavirus Restrictions

Further to our open letter to licensees of 14 August.

Again, on behalf of the people of Calderdale we would like to thank you for the way you are continuing to respond to the challenges presented by the coronavirus.

You will have seen that the Government has announced further restrictions in England, which will apply in Calderdale, and we have summarised these for you below.

From Thursday 24 September 2020 you **must** do the following:

- **Close at 10pm – this is when premises must be closed, not the time for ‘last orders’**
- **Offer table service only**
- **Make sure that customers and staff wear a face covering except where seated for eating/drinking (unless they are exempt)**

These are in addition to the restrictions which were introduced on Friday 18 September 2020:

- **You must record the contact details of all customers within your premises for the purpose of ‘Test and Trace’, and in line with the government advice you must not admit anyone into your premises who does not give them.**
- **A ‘Track and Trace’ QR code must be on display and available to customers entering premises**
- **You must not take group bookings for over six people, or admit groups of over six people into your premises and you must maintain an appropriate distance between tables.**

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc and Related Requirements) Regulations 2020 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1005/contents/made> sets out the new legal requirements on establishments to record contact information and it applies to staff, 'official' visitors (except the police, emergency responders and postmen / deliveries) and customers.

Even though the law allows people to congregate in groups of six, the Government's advice to those resident in the 'restricted areas' – i.e. Calderdale - is that they should not socialise with anyone outside their household group or support bubble.

You must make sure that groups of six are able to remain two metres apart and there should be no social interaction between different groups.

The total number of staff and patrons on your premises must not exceed a level that would prevent adequate social distancing and that you and your staff can properly manage.

You must also do all you can to reduce the increased risk of virus transmission associated with raised voices, such as when speaking loudly or singing loudly, particularly in confined and poorly ventilated spaces. This includes, but is not limited to, lowering the volume of background music, and not playing music or broadcasts that may encourage shouting, particularly if played at a volume that makes normal conversation difficult.

Further new requirements are given by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Hospitality Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1008/contents/made>

Failure to carry out these new requirements would be an offence.

Once again, we are asking for your cooperation. These are necessary precautions as we try to restrict the spread of coronavirus and we need the continued support of responsible licensees. We will be carrying out further joint patrols with Council Officers and the Police, and we will take action against those who are not.

Yours sincerely



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