

COVID-19: Live Licensed Premises Webinar

Question and Answer Session

I'm a nightclub, what are the expectations around the use of the NHS QR Code & COVID Pass?

As your venues hold large amounts of people, current government guidance is to implement the use of the NHS QR code check in and the COVID Pass checks. This is currently under review and subject to change.

Do I need to close if I have an outbreak within my workforce?

A joint decision whether a premise needs to be closed will be made at a multi-agency management meeting including officers from the council and Public Health. Therefore, it remains vital that premises have adequate Covid-19 measures in place to reduce workplace exposure between staff.

Environmental Health will look at a premises Covid-19 risk assessment in the result in an outbreak to ensure it is sufficient and can successfully mitigate transmission of the virus.

Will the local authority be taking action, in what scenario?

We will be taking a light touch approach upon enforcement and we will be offering support and guidance to premises that require help. The council have powers to issue a fixed penalty notice if employers are found to be circumventing self-isolation restrictions.

Where a premises has failed to carry out a suitable and sufficient risk assessment, the council may serve an improvement notice for you to undertake one.

How often should I be cleaning?

We would advise all touch points to be cleaned frequently i.e. rotational cleaning every couple hours during peak trading periods. Should an outbreak occur, deep cleaning of the premises would be required.

I've heard that you can return to work if self-isolating with daily testing, is this correct?

There is a pilot study currently being trialled by Greene King and selected supermarkets. If you are not within this study, you are not currently exempt from self-isolation guidance.

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Is there any assistance with paying my License fees?

Yes, annual fees must still be paid as stated in the Licensing Act 2003. We are urging those struggling to pay these fees to speak to us.

Is there any financial support for premises who are required to close due to an outbreak?

You can apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment of £500 if you're on a low income, told to self-isolate and meet the following criteria:

- You're employed or self-employed
- You, or a child you're the parent or guardian of, have been told to self-isolate due to coronavirus (COVID-19)
- You cannot work from home and will lose income by self-isolating or staying at home to care for the child

For further information, please click [here](#).

If a member of staff has been pinged by the NHS app, how long do they need to stay home for?

The NHS app will advise your staff member of their exposure date and how long they are required to self-isolate for.