

## **Licensed Premises Webinar 11/05/2021 Question + Answer Session.**

### **What are the rules around carveries and buffets?**

For carvery and buffet options and where alcohol is served, table service is required. If a venue is not serving alcohol, customers can order and collect food from a counter or similar. As in the previous tier system, the regulations allow for carvery service where:

- The customer orders a carvery meal option whilst seated,
- Select elements of their carvery options from the carvery deck (face covering, socially distanced etc.), plated by staff.
- The customer returns to their seat and is served their meal by staff to their table.

### **How likely are all legal restrictions to be lifted on the 21st June, Stage 4?**

This will be decided by central government and an announcement will be made on 14 June as to whether this step can go ahead.

### **Do those under the age of 18 need to check in via the NHS QR App, or leave their details?**

Yes, anybody aged 16+ is legally required to check in to the venue or leave their details to assist with NHS Track & Trace. Those who refuse to provide their details should be denied entry to the premises

### **Can I serve a table of 10 people if they are from the two households?**

Yes, as long as you can demonstrate you have asked the question that the parties are from two separate households.

### **Can tables of 30, outdoors, be from 30 different households?**

Yes, all 30 customers can be from different households when sitting outdoors.

### **Can I rent my function room to a professional band/group for practice sessions?**

Yes, this can be done for professional reasons. It is important to note that no audience can be present during these sessions.

### **Can gaming machines be used?**

Yes, but a strict cleaning regime must be in place. Players must also adhere to face-covering requirements whilst playing. Players must be seated if they are consuming food or drinks.

### **Do we still need to pay our annual fees? Can we pay in instalments?**

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.

### **Can our licence still be suspended for non-payment of fees?**

Yes, the licence can be suspended. The Licensing Act 2003 requires us to suspend the premises if the annual fee is not paid. There is a 21-day grace period and we will always contact premises beforehand. We are urging those struggling to pay these fees to get in contact with us.

### **If people are outside, can people stand up with a drink in their hand?**

It is a requirement that all patrons eating or drinking in a premise must remain seated when doing so.