

Opening Services Safely

Coronavirus hasn't gone away. As the rules start to be relaxed it is important that we carry on doing all we can to stop the virus from making a resurgence in the coming weeks.

We also need businesses and employers to ensure they are able to keep their staff and customers safe, by continuing to operate in a Covid-secure manner and promote the regular testing of employees.

Who is this document for?

This document is to all business settings in the city and provides information on:

- Roadmap of proposed opening for March and April
- Regular testing and where to go for a local test

Proposed roadmap steps for March and April

Step 1:

8 March

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Wrap-around care including all sport for all children
- Practical higher Education Courses
- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- One plus one social meeting's outdoors

29 March

- Rule of 6 or 2 households outdoors- no household mixing indoors
- Organised outside sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5's)
- Minimise travel
- No holidays

At least 5 weeks after step1 – no earlier than 12 April step 2 will commence, subject of the assessment of the data. The government will announce one week in advance whether restrictions will be eased.

Step 2:

12 April

- Indoor leisure - open individually or within household groups
- Rule of 6 or two household outdoors – no indoor household mixing
- Outdoor attractions (zoo/theme parks/drive-in cinemas)
- Libraries and community centres
- Personal Care premises
- All retail
- Outdoor hospitality
- All Childrens activities, indoor parents & child groups (up to 15 parents)
- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- Self-contained accommodation (household only)
- Funerals (30), Wakes, weddings, receptions (15)
- Minimise travel, no international holidays

You need to ensure that you continue to operate in a COVID secure manner by reviewing your risk assessments and ensure the public health messaging hands, face and space remains central.

More information regarding opening safely can be found at:

www.tradewithconfidence.org.uk/covid19-guidance.html. Should you require any advice or guidance on reopening safely please contact the Environmental Health Service on 01902 551155. Information on business grants and support can be accessed at: www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/business/wolvesinbusiness/government-business-grants.

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Business Testing Grant

To ensure we continue to manage the spread of Covid-19, a grant is available for Wolverhampton businesses that undertake regular testing of its workforce.

To find out more about the grant – and how to access business testing – please visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information/support-businesses/testing-businesses/grant

Register to deliver on site COVID testing for your employees

If your business is registered in England and your employees cannot work from home you can register to deliver workplace testing through NHS Test and Trace. To register for rapid lateral flow tests for your employees please sign up at www.gov.uk/get-workplace-coronavirus-tests by 12 April 2021

Local Testing for employees without symptoms

If your business is open please encourage regular rapid testing for your workforce who are asymptomatic at one of the rapid test centres. This will help identify positive cases early and prevent the virus spreading in the workplace. Those employees who are working from home should be encouraged to test on a weekly basis. Where employees cannot work from home twice weekly testing is recommended. You can book a rapid test by using the link below. A dedicated Business Booking Portal has been developed to assist businesses to test regularly. Booking a specific slot will allow employees to access a test at a convenient time, guaranteeing individuals a testing slot without having to wait.

Slots can be reserved up to seven days in advance.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/CWCRapidTesting@wcconline.onmicrosoft.com/bookings>.

Testing if you have symptoms

There are a number of regular Covid-19 testing sites available across the city. You must pre-book a test **online** or by calling 119 before going to a test centre. If you would like support booking a coronavirus test, you can also call a member of our Book a Test Team on 01902 290244, Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm. All the sites below are open between 8am and 8pm,

7 days a week.

- Showell Road Test Centre Car Park, Off Stafford Road, WV10 9LU (DO NOT enter Science Park Building)
- Faulkland Street Car Park, WV1 1JN
- Mountford Lane Car Park, Bilston, WV14 6NF (DO NOT enter Bilston Health Centre)
- Blakenhall Resource Centre, Haggard Street, WV2 3ET (Indoor site) · Whitmore Reans Library, WV6 0QW

Drive through testing site: Aldersley Leisure Village, Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 9NW. This site is open between 9am and 3pm, seven days a week. between 9am and 3pm, seven days a week. All local testing information can be accessed at: www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information/stay-safe-be-kind/coronavirus-testing

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Local walk-in testing sites

**The Civic Centre,
St Peter's Square,
WV1 1SH**

Monday to Friday - 8am-7pm and 10am to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. Free parking is available at St Peter's Car Park off Wulfruna Street for people attending the Civic Centre for a test, and free parking for Blue Badge holders is widely available around the Civic Centre.

**The Hub at Ashmore Park
Griffiths Drive,
WV11 2LH**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am - 6pm.

**Jamia Masjid Bilal,
58 Newhampton Road,
WV6 0AA**

Open daily - 10am-6.30pm.

**St Joseph's Catholic Church,
Stow Heath Lane,
Wolverhampton,
WV1 2QN**

Monday to Friday, 2pm-6pm. Free parking on the church car park.

**Pendeford Library,
Whitburn Close,
WV11 2LH**

Monday to Friday 7am-6pm and 10am – 6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

If your test result is positive you should immediately self-isolate for 10 full days.