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## **Impact of Tier Three (Very High Risk Areas) Local Restrictions**

Three tiers of restrictions are now in place across England. This guidance covers areas within tier three (Very High Risk Areas).

England Golf's 'Framework for Playing Golf' provides guidance for the safe playing of golf in most areas of England. Clubs/ facilities should continue to follow this guidance but, where additional restrictions are in place, must ensure that they comply with these restrictions.

Clubs/facilities should adhere to the guidelines provided. These have been published to assist clubs/facilities in providing as safe an environment as they can. Failure to follow this guidance may leave clubs/facilities open to enforcement action from local authorities and/or Police, or subject to disciplinary procedures from England Golf.

### **Areas affected**

Areas covered by this document are those parts of England classified as in Tier Three (Very High Risk) restrictions.

The full Government list of areas affected can be found by clicking the link below - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/full-list-of-local-covid-alert-levels-by-area>

### **Who is affected?**

- Golf clubs in affected areas
- Golfers living in affected areas, even where their golf club falls outside of the area

### **What are the changes?**

- People must not socialise with anybody they do not live with, or have formed a support bubble with, in any indoor setting or in any private garden or at most outdoor hospitality venues and ticketed events
- People must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in an outdoor public space, including sports venues
- Pubs and bars must close. They can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant, which means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal. They may only serve alcohol as part of such a meal
- Golfers should try to avoid travelling outside the very-high alert level area you are in or entering a very-high alert level area, other than to travel through the area on a longer journey

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- Golfers should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK if resident in a very-high alert level area, or avoid staying overnight in a very-high alert level area if resident elsewhere

### **What remains unchanged?**

Aside from those changes outlined above, no other changes to the guidance in our 'Framework for Playing Golf' are required. The current guidance can be found here - <https://www.Englandgolf.org/download/a-framework-for-playing-golf/>

This includes

- Playing of golf outdoors may continue in its current format
- Pro's Shops may remain open with mandatory wearing of face coverings
- Face coverings must also be worn in all public areas of the clubhouse, except for whilst eating and drinking
- A legal obligation for clubs to collect track and trace information on all visitors to the clubhouse and to retain this information for 21 days

### **Where can we find more information?**

Government Guidance on Tier Three (Very High Alert Levels) - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know#local-covid-alert-level-very-high>

**NB – clubs should liaise with their relevant Local Authority to access advice on local restrictions and to ensure that they are complying with them.**