

Covid-19 Bulletin

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BVRLA Guidance updated to reflect new measures

The industry [Guide to Operating during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#) has been updated to reflect the changes announced by the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson yesterday, six months on from the start of the initial lockdown and introduction of restrictions across the UK.

Covid alert level increased to level 4

The Chief Medical Officers for all four nations have reviewed the evidence and recommend that all 4 nations of the UK should [move to level 4](#), which denotes that the Covid-19 epidemic is in general circulation, transmission is high or rising exponentially.

Working from home advice is reinstated where possible

Only weeks after the Government encouraged workers to return to the office where possible, office workers are now being told to [work from home if they can](#) do so effectively, throughout winter.

Where an employer, in consultation with their employee, judges an employee can carry out their normal duties from home they should do so. Anyone who cannot work from home should go to their place of work, where [Covid secure guidelines](#) must be followed.

Guidance updated on requirements to wear face coverings

The Government has updated [guidance on face coverings](#) which makes clear when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own. The guidance includes a full list of the indoor settings where you must wear a face covering in England.

Along with other places which offer goods or services for retail sale or hire, staff in vehicle rental branches will be required to wear face coverings from 24 September.

Different rules apply across the UK so members with operations in devolved nations should refer to the guidance in [Wales](#), [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

More detailed advice on the application of these requirements in different settings can be found in the government's [guidance for working safely](#).

Guidance on what you can and can't do

The Government has updated its [guidance on what you can and can't do](#) following the introduction of new measures to try and curb the spread of the virus. This is national guidance that applies to England only and some of these new restrictions will be [set out in the law](#) enabling the police and other enforcement officers to issue penalties to those that don't comply.

Those in [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) should follow the specific rules in those nations.

In addition, [local restrictions](#) must be adhered to for those in areas with localised measures in place to help manage the outbreak.