



Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council 24.6.2020

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Top stories today:



New measures announced, effective from 4 July

A further easing of Coronavirus restrictions will take effect from 4 July. From that date, pubs and restaurants across Somerset will be allowed to open both indoors and outdoors as long as they enforce safety guidelines including table service only.

Other businesses allowed to reopen will be:

- Hotels, bed and breakfasts, campsites and caravan parks

- Hair salons and barbers, but with visors worn
- Playgrounds, museums, galleries, theme parks, outdoor gyms and arcades, libraries, social clubs and community centres

However, nightclubs, spas, indoor soft play areas, bowling alleys, water parks, indoor gyms, nail bars, swimming pools and water parks will not be able to reopen at this stage.

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Social distancing

From July 4, people will still be asked to keep to the two-metre social distancing where possible. Where this is not possible, people must keep apart by one-metre-plus while taking measures such as wearing face coverings and not sitting face-to-face to reduce the risk of transmission.

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Shielding guidance update

The Government has set out a roadmap for the clinically extremely vulnerable on the future of the shielding programme.

For now, the guidance remains the same – stay at home and only go outside to exercise or to spend time outdoors with a member of your household, or with one other person from another household if you live alone. The guidance will change on 6 July, however, and again on 1 August, based on clinical evidence.

Shielding and other advice to the clinically extremely vulnerable has been and remains advisory.

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BBC Somerset slot

This week's popular wellbeing slot on BBC Somerset between 7 and 8pm tonight will focus on **Alcohol Wellbeing**.

Has lockdown affected your alcohol consumption? Emma Gardener from the Alcohol and Drug Service will be talking about the groups she runs and their value, tips to help people maintain sensible drinking levels, what support is on offer for family members etc.

Listen in to see if Charlie Taylor can taste the difference between the real and the non-alcoholic options. The frequencies to tune in are

95.5FM, 1566AM, DAB, or listen at www.bbc.co.uk/bbcsomerset and on the BBC Sounds app.

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Keep an eye out for the vulnerable in the heatwave

With hot weather expected over the next few days, Somerset County Council is asking people to keep an eye out for vulnerable friends and neighbours. The Met Office predicts high temperatures this week, and Public Health England has today issued a heat warning encouraging vulnerable people to take care during the exceptionally hot weather.

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Somerset charity encourages furloughed to volunteer for local good causes

Somerset Skills Bank, run by Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) in partnership with Spark Somerset, is an initiative that aims to

encourage volunteers to donate their time and expert skills to support local charities. If you're looking to develop new skills and experience, or have recently been furloughed and would like to use your free time to volunteer in Somerset, this could be just what you're looking for.

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