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Important Notice for
Businesses in Leicester

July 2020



Reopening Non-Essential Retail in Leicester from 24th July 2020

Leicester City Council published on 15th June 2020 the reopening plan for the city as non-essential retail opened around the Country.

The plan provided the following core principles for reopening:

1. Profiling with the public the need to always consider the threat of Covid-19 in managing daily life.
2. Ensuring Covid-19 mitigation steps run through all arrangements for planning the “reopening” of the city centre and the city’s neighbourhoods.
3. Ensuring all appropriate routes for communicating key messages are utilised.
4. Ensuring wherever possible decisions are informed through an intelligence led/data informed approach that makes the most of transformation opportunities.
5. Ensuring challenges are addressed in partnership and that plans are adjusted in accordance with Government and public health guidance.
6. Ensuring good governance is in place reporting to the City Mayor and Executive Leads which includes appropriate scrutiny by the council’s Scrutiny Commissions.

The plan noted there may be points where we have to pause and readjust our approach depending on any changes presented by the threat of Covid-19 and Government and public health guidance and/or legislation.

What you need to know to reopen non-essential retail in Leicester from 24th July 2020

On 29th June 2020 further restrictions returned to the city however, we are now returning to a point where non-essential retail may reopen from 24th July **where safe to do so**. In addition, the Government granted new powers to all local authorities effective from 18th July 2020 in the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 allowing local authorities to close premises, events and public outdoor spaces where there is evidence of risk to public health.

Please note that it is really important that any business that is allowed to be open ensures they only open once they have Covid-19 Secure working practices in place. Further information about this can be found through the links provided in this notice to businesses. Leicester City Council will be proactive in the use of new powers that will enable us to immediately close premises that are presenting a public health risk.

Non-essential retail includes premises/businesses such as:

- Fashion shops
- Clothing shops
- Charity shops
- Betting shops
- Tailors, dress fitters and fashion designers
- Auction houses
- Antique stores
- Retail art galleries
- Photography studios
- Mobile phone stores
- Indoor markets
- Indoor Craft fairs
- Similar types of retail outlets

For more information go to: www.gov.uk/guidance/closing-certain-businesses-and-venues-in-leicester

What must remain closed in Leicester?

The hospitality sector (bars, restaurants, etc.) and personal care and beauty services including hair salons, barbers, beauty and nail salons, piercing and tattoo parlours, tanning booths and salons **must remain closed in Leicester at this time.**

The next review is scheduled for 1st August 2020.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) Regulations 2020 have been amended through a Statutory Instrument which is now in place. For further details please go to: www.gov.uk/guidance/closing-certain-businesses-and-venues-in-leicester.

The amendment will only allow for the easements on non-essential retail, early years, schools and college provision. **The remaining restrictions, including those lifted in the rest of England on 4th July for the hospitality sector, therefore remain in place for the protected area which covers the entire city of Leicester and the borough of Oadby and Wigston.**

Where to find additional advice and guidance for non-essential retail to help you reopen safely

Where it is safe to do so (with the appropriate Covid-19 mitigation steps in place) the Council has the following advice and guidance for businesses:

www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/coronavirus/leicester-reopening-guidance-and-plan

Advice and Guidance for Businesses

This guidance should be implemented in addition to all legal requirements such as the Health and Safety at work regulations:

www.leicester.gov.uk/media/186715/advice-and-guidance-for-reopening-businesses.pdf

Queue Management with Social Distancing

This document supports the guidance around social distancing and queuing whilst in Leicester city centre and its neighbourhoods and acts as a source of guidance for businesses considering these measures:

www.leicester.gov.uk/media/186717/queue-management-with-social-distancing-guidance.pdf

Health Safety Risk Assessment Template

Found at:

www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/coronavirus/leicester-reopening-guidance-and-plan/

COVID-19 Secure Poster

www.leicester.gov.uk/media/186719/staying-covid-19-secure-downloadable-poster-to-display.pdf

Further Business Advice on Reopening

As of Friday 24 July, it will also be mandatory to wear a face covering in shops and supermarkets in England. This change in the law comes following rules enforced by the government in June, which requires the public by law to wear face coverings on public transport.

Government guidance also encourages people to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces or when visiting hospitals and where people are more likely to come into contact with others they would not normally meet.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own

If you require further advice on ways to safely reopen your premises, please email Leicester City Council at:

enterprisingleicester@leicester.gov.uk

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