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Dear Licensee

As you will no doubt be aware The Government has announced that Swale – along with the rest of Kent and Medway - will be placed in Tier 3 – Very High from Wednesday, 2 December.

There is a [guide to what this means on the Gov.uk website](#) the main points include

- Pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants are closed except for sales by takeaway, click-and collect, drive-through or delivery services
- No meeting socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, including in private gardens or most outdoor venues
- Not socialising in a group of more than 6 in other outdoor spaces – the rule of 6
- Hospitality settings such as hotels, B&Bs, campsites and guest houses must close, with some exemptions

Please see the [Gov.uk website](#) for the complete list of restrictions.

Until 2 December, the existing [national restrictions](#) remain in place.

We realise how devastating this will be to you all, especially in the run up to Christmas which is when so many of you are at your busiest. If you haven't already done so then please do [look on the Council website](#) where you can see if you are eligible for additional grants as well as other useful information.

You can also [subscribe to the Council's business e-bulletin](#) to receive the latest updates on support available

It is vital that we all play our part in driving the coronavirus infections down in Swale so that we stand a chance of moving down from Tier 3 whenever the Government reassess the situation.

Whilst we are proactively enforcing against businesses who are not complying with current regulations, if you become aware of a business that is still trading when it shouldn't be, or anyone who is not following Government guidance and regulations in any way then we actively encourage you to report this, either [online](#) at or by telephone 01795 417850

Kind regards, Licensing Team