

## COVID-19 Update for UK Employees | 11/09/2020

### The Rule of Six – Limits to Social Gatherings from Monday

As you may know, new rules come into force on Monday 14 September banning social gatherings of more than six people.

These rules are legally enforceable, with fines of £100 which double with each offence up to a maximum of £3200. The new rule applies to people in private homes, indoors and outdoors, and places such as pubs, restaurants, cafes and public outdoor spaces.

**However, it is worth noting that in Scotland and Wales, the rules do not apply to children under the age of 12.**

**Additionally, Wales has today announced that face masks must be worn in shops and other indoor spaces from Monday.**

The BBC has updated its helpful graphic showing the rules and guidance on meeting up, which we have included on the right of this update.

	England	Scotland	Wales
 <b>How many people outdoors?</b>	Six from multiple households from 14 Sep	Up to six aged 12+ from two households, from 14 Sep	Up to 30 outdoors
 <b>At what distance?</b>	1m 'plus'	2m apart (less in some premises)	2m apart – age 11+ only (less in some premises)
 <b>Indoors</b>	Six from multiple households from 14 Sep	Up to six aged 12+ from two households, from 14 Sep	Up to six people aged 12+ from an "extended household" from 14 Sep

### Regional Differences to Travel Corridor List

This week further changes have been made to the travel corridors list, with differences again between Scotland, England and Wales. We appreciate the continued changes can be confusing so have summarised the changes below for employees:

- Portugal, Hungary, French Polynesia and Réunion have all been removed from England’s travel corridors list. This means that from 4am tomorrow (Saturday 12 September) any travellers arriving from these countries will have to self-isolate for two weeks
  - The restriction will not apply to travellers returning from Portuguese island Madeira and the Azores.
- Scotland and Wales have also removed Hungary and Réunion from their travel corridors lists from tomorrow, meaning quarantine is required
- However, from Saturday morning any travellers arriving in England, Scotland and Wales from Sweden will no longer need to self-isolate
- Earlier this week, England also removed the Greek islands of Crete, Lesvos, Mykonos, Santorini, Serifos, Tinos, Zakynthos from the travel corridors list, while Wales removed the Greek islands of Santorini, Serifos and Tinos
  - Other areas of Greece are currently still exempt from quarantine in England

Please ensure you are aware of the respective government guidelines for where you live and do not assume the same requirements will be in place across the UK. As previously advised, if you have any questions or concerns about travel plans please ensure you speak with your line manager who will seek guidance from HR.

For more information about the travel corridors visit the Government website [here](#).