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| **17 May easing of restrictions confirmed**It's been incredible to see our local shops, hairdressers and pubs open again, as well as being able to safely reunite with friends and family. After the announcement from Boris on Monday, I'm sure we're all relieved to hear that COVID-19 deaths and case rates are at their lowest since July.Your efforts are making all the difference which means that on Monday 17 May, we will be moving on to the third step of the Government's roadmap. Indoor dining and drinking will be back. Groups of up to six people or groups made up of two households can now visit pubs, cafes and restaurants provided they stay at one table.We must all continue to wear face masks when out in public. This includes on public transport, in shops and where social distancing is not possible. However, face coverings will no longer be required for students and teachers when in the classroom or in communal areas. Perhaps the most exciting news of all, we will finally be able to give 'cautious' hugs to our loved ones! The Government are advising to use personal judgement. With Indian variant cases becoming more prominent in the UK we must remain cautious to minimise the spread, as we head in to step three of the roadmap. Let's take this next step carefully by keeping a two metre distance when possible, wearing our face masks and washing our hands.  |

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| **Meeting people** |

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| **You will be able to:*** Hold an outdoor gathering with up to 30 people
* Meet indoors in a group of up to six from any number of households
* Meet indoors in a group of any size from up to two households
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| **Care homes** |

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| **Care home residents will be able to:*** Name up to five visitors to visit the care home for regular indoor visits
* Meet with two visitors at a time indoors, provided they test negative before arrival
* Offer visits to other friends or family members in an outdoor setting
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| **Leisure and Entertainment** |

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| **You can visit:*** Indoor attractions such as cinemas, theatres, concert halls, bowling alleys, casinos, museums and children's indoor play areas
* Indoor and outdoor events, including live performances, sporting events and business events
* Indoor hospitality venues such as restaurants, pubs, and cafes in groups of six or with two households to a table. Venues will stick to table service only

All the latest guidance can be found on [the GOV.uk website.](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=961e279ee6&e=9cc6b1f4c3)Stage 4 of the roadmap is set to be introduced on 21 June. At this point, the Government hopes to be in a position to lift all restrictions.   |

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| **Covid cases and vaccination latest**As restrictions continue to ease, it's motivating to see case rates lower in the district! Sticking to the new guidance from 17 May is key to ensure this trend carries on. The latest seven day data shows that the district has 24.6 cases per 100,000, still just above the England average rate of 22.1 per 100,000. Latest UK coronavirus case data can be found on [GOV.uk website](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=d8722d30b4&e=9cc6b1f4c3), and you can also see the [Covid-19 cases for the district of Blaby](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=bde857a2e9&e=9cc6b1f4c3). **Vaccine available to 38 and 39 year olds**Thanks to the continued efforts vaccinations are now available for 38 and 39 year olds. You can visit the [Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group website](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=ed5f0a1289&e=9cc6b1f4c3) for more information and to book your vaccine appointment.More than 35 million people have received their first dose. Second dose numbers are increasing, with over 18 million doses given to those eligible. You can keep track of the vaccine take up by [visiting the Government website.](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=757b1f8e20&e=9cc6b1f4c3)  |

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