**Omicron Restrictions and Support Matrix**

**As of 04/01/2022**

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| Government | Current Situation | New Support |
| England | COVID Certification in place for events and nightclubs, vaccination status or negative test.  This includes indoor events of over 500 people, outdoor events of over 4,000 if those people are likely to stand or move around, any event of above 10,000 people.  You are required to wear a facemasks in most public setting (including public transport).  There is a requirement to work from home where possible.  Sunset clause 26th Jan.  Last announcement:  <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-opening-statement-at-covid-19-press-conference-15-december-2021> | Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant - £6,000 per premises for each eligible firm.  £102 million in discretionary grants for Councils.  £60 million CRF, for “theatres and museums” [here](https://twitter.com/NadineDorries/status/1474033037339938820).  £1.5 million for freelancers through benevolent funds [here](https://twitter.com/NadineDorries/status/1474034065020006406?s=20).  You can find the Government statement on support [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/1-billion-in-support-for-businesses-most-impacted-by-omicron-across-the-uk). |
| Scotland | From 27th December there will be limits placed on organised gatherings (other than life events, 100 people at indoor standing events, 200 people at indoor seating events, 500 people at outdoor events (seated or standing).  1 m social distancing and table service in all venues serving alcohol.  COVID Certification in place (no LFT pass).  Facemasks to be worn in public places indoors (including public transport) unless seated in a hospitality setting or consuming food or drink.  Indoor non professional contact sport is banned.  Requirement to work from home where possible.  Last Announcement:  <https://www.gov.scot/news/further-measures-needed-to-reduce-contacts/> | £375 million for eligible hospitality businesses. We are awaiting information on how this will be allocated.  £65 million for the culture sector.  This includes:   1. £31.5 million for cultural businesses, organisations, venues and independent cinema support and grassroots venues. 2. £2 million National Performing Companies (for Christmas losses and touring fund re-purposing). 3. £19.8 million, including £2.8 million towards the wider events supply chain to be administered by EventScotland. 4. £10 million for the Cancellation Fund for Creative Freelancers to be administered by Creative Scotland (opens January 6th). 5. Museums, galleries and heritage - £1.7 million.   You can find the Government statement on support [here](https://www.gov.scot/news/gbp-21-million-to-support-culture-and-events/) and [here](https://www.gov.scot/news/targeted-funds-for-culture-and-events/).  £8 million for food and drink supply chain businesses including wholesalers  £3 million for the wedding sector  £3 million for the worst affected businesses in the tourism sector, including international inbound tour operators |
| Wales | From 6 am 26th December Alert Level 2 will be put in place. Crowds will be banned from sports matches, nightclubs are to close.  Rule of 6 in hospitality and other settings, face masks required other than when seated.  Facemasks to be worn in public places indoors (including public transport) unless seated in a hospitality setting or consuming food or drink.  No more than 30 people will be allowed at indoor events, with 60 at outdoor events.  A general requirement of 2 m distancing will be put in place in hospitality and public facing settings.  COVID Certification in place (with LFT Pass).  Requirement to work from home.  Last Announcement:  <https://gov.wales/written-statement-review-health-protection-coronavirus-restrictions-no5-wales-regulations-2020-0> | £5.25m available to assist Wales's arts organisations, museums, libraries and independent cinemas through the winter months.  £120m will be available for nightclubs, events, retail, hospitality, leisure and tourism businesses affected by the move to alert level two.  Retail, hospitality, leisure and tourism business who pay Non-Domestic Rates will be entitled to a payment of £2,000, £4,000 or £6,000 depending on their rateable value. Businesses will need to re-register their details, through a quick and easy online process, with their local authority in order to receive their payments. This will open w/c 10th January.  Economic Resilience Fund (ERF). Eligible businesses can apply for grants of between £2,500 - £25,000 (including supply chain businesses), opens w/c 17th January.  £3 million for sport.  There will be a Discretionary Fund that will provide £500 to sole trader and freelancers and £2,000 to impacted businesses operated by Local Authorities [here](https://gov.wales/120m-financial-support-businesses-wales-impacted-omicron). |
| Northern Ireland | Nightclubs will have to close from 26th December, and indoor standing events are prohibited.  From 27th December hospitality services will return to being table only services, and a limit of 6 people will apply.  Dancing will not be allowed in hospitality venues (excepting weddings or civil partnership celebrations).  Indoor and outdoor seated events can continue with strong encouragement to take an LFT pre event.  Last Announcement:  <http://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/news/joint-statement-executive-update-covid-19-situation> | Grants have been announced for “hospitality businesses”   * £10,000 for businesses with a rateable value up to £15,000 * £15,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,001 to £51,000 * £20,000 for businesses with a rateable value over £51,000.   Full information on the announcement [here](http://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/news/executive-announces-ps40-million-support-hospitality-sector). |