The government has published its ‘roadmap’ for easing Covid restrictions in England. After the first stage in March, further lifting of the rules will happen if certain conditions are met, the aim being to lift all restrictions by the 21 June 2021.

The table below outlines the Housing 21 roadmap out of the current lockdown in stages that align with the government guidance. However, if there is a confirmed case of Covid at a scheme, the scheme should be ‘locked down’ for a period of ten days from the date of the positive test.

As we start to re-open our schemes we still need to ensure we have COVID-secure measures in place:

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

* PPE should be worn in accordance with the current guidance and where a risk assessment identifies a need.
* When using PPE it is necessary to put it on and take it off ‘donning and doffing’ as shown in this PHE/NHS video [https://youtu.be/ozY50PPmsvE](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/GThiC59y9UZVQXZizffSZ?domain=youtu.be) to reduce the risk of transmission.
* Residents, visitors and friends should continue to wear face coverings in communal areas.

**Maintain Social Distancing**

* People should continue to keep 2m apart; this may require limiting the number of people at any one time in communal areas.
* Display signs reminding people to socially distance, wash hands and not touch their faces.
* Ensure that staff understand the need to maintain social distancing and good hand hygiene when entering and using staff rooms; it may be necessary to stagger or extend break times to limit the number of staff using the facilities.

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| **No earlier than ..** |  |
| **Stage 1** |  **March** | **8th** | * Staff who opted to work from Tricorn House on a full-time basis will be allowed to return to the office.
* Other staff may request to work from Tricorn House on an exception only basis through their line manager.
* NO change to restrictions on Extra Care and Retirement Living schemes i.e.
* lounges and gardens NOT open to visitors.
* guest rooms to be used ONLY in exceptional circumstances.
* restaurants to serve takeaways ONLY.
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| **Stage 2** |  **March** | **29th** | * NO change to restrictions on Extra Care and Retirement Living schemes.

Despite government relaxing of restrictions in outside areas, communal gardens NOT open to visitors.This is to ensure our residents continue to feel comfortable and safe and using the gardens. |
| **Stage 3** | **April** | **12th** | * Hairdressers can open subject to Covid-19 Secure measures being in place.
* NO other changes in Extra Care or Retirement Living schemes.

From April 12th: If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 at a scheme, management action should be agreed with the Head of Service. |
| **Stage 4** | **May** | **17th** | * Visitors to be allowed into schemes – groups of six people or two households can meet indoors in private flats AND communal gardens; face coverings must be worn in indoor communal areas.
* Communal lounges remain for resident use ONLY.
* Restaurants allowed to serve food in dining rooms to residents, family and friends by invitation subject to a maximum of 6 persons from no more than 2 households.
* Guest rooms can reopen.
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| **Stage 5** | **June** | **21st** | * All limitations at schemes removed.
* Events i.e. bingo, knit and natter, indoor bowls can recommence in communal areas subject to government guidance.
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These dates could change subject to Government guidance.