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| **National announcement**  The government has announced a number of new restrictions which will be introduced in England from Thursday 24th September which aim to stop the spread of coronavirus.These include: * Pubs, bars and restaurants closing at 10pm and offering table service only
* When visiting a pub, bar or restaurant people must wear a face covering except when seated at a table to eat or drink
* People should work from home where they can
* People could be fined £200 for not following the guidance around wearing a face covering or if they are meeting in groups of more than six
* Face coverings must be worn by shop staff, taxi drivers and passengers
* Exemptions to the “rule of six” will be cut back, meaning indoor team sports such as five-a-side will end
* Weddings are limited to 15 people.

Coronavirus hasn’t gone away. Please continue to: * Follow social distancing guidance and keep 2m apart where possible
* Wear a face covering
* Wash your hands regularly
* Book a test and stay at home if you develop any symptoms.
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| **Businesses breaching Covid-19 regulations** In July councils were granted new powers which allow them to shut down businesses which flout Covid-19 regulations put in place to protect residents. Working in partnership with Greater Manchester Police, our licensing teams have served notice on a number of local businesses due to breaches of these regulations, including a lack of compliance with social distancing, and concerns regarding the behaviour of customers within the premises.The below statements have been issued to the local media this week to show the partnership work which is helping to keep people safe at this time. Councillor Paul Prescott, cabinet member for planning and environmental services, said: “While the majority of businesses have implemented measures to keep their customers and staff safe, closures like this act as a reminder to those who don’t abide by the rules and regulations.“We hope that this will send a strong message to businesses, that the council and its partners will not hesitate to respond when there is evidence that shows they are not acting responsibly and within the guidelines that have been put in place to protect us all.” |

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| **Local restrictions** New measures have been announced by central government for Wigan Borough that will come into effect from midnight on Friday. This means we are now more in line with other areas across Greater Manchester, apart from Bolton where further restrictions apply.Our understanding is that they will restrict different households from mixing in private dwellings and gardens unless in a support bubble.Full guidance will appear via the government [website here](https://clicktime.symantec.com/3KUCbQE5d4J1bBzq9kzFRwP6H2?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Fgreater-manchester-local-restrictions) <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/greater-manchester-local-restrictions>We will provide further updates in Monday's briefing.This week’s Covid-19 tracker shows:  1. Our infection rate has increased and is currently 101.9 per 100,000
2. The number of new cases has increased but remains below regional figures.
3. Wigan remains red for new cases
4. There have been no COVID-related death registered in the latest week.

View the tracker on our website [here](https://clicktime.symantec.com/3AbX6BKiF9ra29yxTs9YWp56H2?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wigan.gov.uk%2FDocs%2FPDF%2FResident%2FCrime-Emergencies%2FCOVID19-Weekly-Tracker.pdf). <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Resident/Crime-Emergencies/COVID19-Weekly-Tracker.pdf>Professor Kate Ardern released this statement earlier this week.  |

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| **Have your say on town centre safety** Our consultation is still open for you to have your say on how to keep Wigan and Leigh town centres free from anti-social behaviour. Make sure you share your views with us [here](https://clicktime.symantec.com/35ubFmBsyXaQcKKFGWMHD526H2?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwigan.us19.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dc618487712c03e3307e57ad31%26id%3D9e0fcf8c19%26e%3Dc38de2ef63) <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Crime-Emergencies/PSPO.aspx> before the closing date on 1st October.  |

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| **Get your flu jab** Flu is a highly infectious disease with symptoms that come on very quickly. It can be unpleasant, but if you are otherwise healthy, it’ll usually clear up on its own within a week.If you are in one of these groups you are entitled to a free flu vaccination to protect yourself this winter: * Anyone aged 65 and over
* Pregnant women
* Children and adults with an underlying health condition (such as long-term heart or respiratory disease)
* Children and adults with weakened immune systems
* People living with someone who is at high risk from coronavirus (on the NHS shielded patient list)
* Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2020
* Children in primary school
* Children in year 7 (secondary school)
* Frontline health or social care workers.

Your health and safety is our number one priority and clinics are being run by local NHS staff. Call your GP practice or pharmacy to book an appointment today.  |

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| **Share your Covid-19 experience**  Age UK Wigan Borough want to find out about the experiences of older people in the borough during the Covid-19 pandemic. The survey aims to give older people a voice, and a chance to share what it’s been like to live in Wigan during this unusual time.The survey will ask for your views on life during the pandemic and how you feel now as we move into winter. Please share as much as possible that your answers can help Age UK Wigan Borough and their partners provide helpful and needed support for the older people living in our borough.  |

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| [**If you would like to contribute you can access the survey here**](https://clicktime.symantec.com/3QnFQDgqg2QhAkPiddDNbyo6H2?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwigan.us19.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dc618487712c03e3307e57ad31%26id%3D5c79632072%26e%3Dc38de2ef63) <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9yPMDGhEVVh31EPmrAoZL8YYUQbY7lXs-_K9QDUrGK8ugng/viewform> |

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| **Covid-19 app** The NHS Covid-19 app has launched today. It’s a legal requirement to download a QR poster for your business so your customers can ‘check in’.  |

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| [**Learn more here**](https://clicktime.symantec.com/3TpSFPxFBuy52LwntdRcJs16H2?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwigan.us19.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dc618487712c03e3307e57ad31%26id%3D238a37fe11%26e%3Dc38de2ef63)<https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/>  |

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| Designated businesses and organisations, including hospitality, close contact services and leisure venues, will be legally required to log details of customers, visitors and staff for NHS Test and Trace. If you visit one of these venues you will be required to check in using the NHS Covid app – available to download via your app store now.    |

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| [**For more information click here**](https://clicktime.symantec.com/3MJfhFYQBfGUQiy4cjGem2B6H2?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwigan.us19.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dc618487712c03e3307e57ad31%26id%3Ddfb410c8c0%26e%3Dc38de2ef63)<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Crime-Emergencies/Coronavirus/index.aspx>  |

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| **Help shape our final clean air plan** A Clean Air Zone is coming to Wigan Borough as part of Greater Manchester’s plans to reduce harmful air pollution on our local roads. An eight-week public consultation starts on 8 October and we want you to help shape the final plan.  The clean air consultation will ask for views on key elements of the Greater Manchester-wide Clean Air Zone. This includes the zone’s proposed boundary, daily charges, discounts and exemptions – and the request to government for a multi-million funding package to support local businesses to upgrade to cleaner vehicles before the Clean Air Zone is introduced in 2022.  |

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| [**We want your views**](https://clicktime.symantec.com/3NSCTPLw5waG8PzMdDnx9j86H2?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwigan.us19.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dc618487712c03e3307e57ad31%26id%3Dc18ff4ed8a%26e%3Dc38de2ef63) <https://cleanairgm.com/> |

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