

BUSINESSES AND PREMISES TO CLOSE

The NMTF interprets government guidance that markets can remain open but stalls selling non-essential goods must close. Street food and cafes must be takeaway or delivery only. Essential goods include:

- Food and grocery
- Household goods
- Hardware supplies
- Bicycles
- Pet supplies
- Newsagents

Guidance from MHCLG:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874732/230320 - Revised guidance note - finalVF.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874732/230320_-_Revised_guidance_note_-_finalVF.pdf)

OFFICIAL GUIDANCE FROM GOVERNMENT

Non-essential businesses and premises must now close.

The guidance states all outdoor and indoor markets must close unless they have stalls that offer **essential retail**, such as **grocery** and **food**.

All retail businesses must close but the following are **notable exceptions**. **Many outdoor and indoor markets have stalls that sell these goods.**

- food shops,
- health shops,
- pharmacies including non-dispensing pharmacies,
- petrol stations,
- bicycle shops,
- home and hardware shops,
- laundrettes and dry cleaners,
- garages,
- car rentals,
- pet shops,
- corner shops,
- newsagents,
- post offices,
- and banks.

Restaurants and cafes that do food delivery and takeaway can remain operational.

Premises that remain open must:

- Ensure a distance of two metres between customers and shop assistants; and
- Let people enter the shop only in small groups, to ensure that spaces are not crowded.
- Queue control is required outside of shops and other essential premises that remain open.