

# The plan to change the coronavirus rules

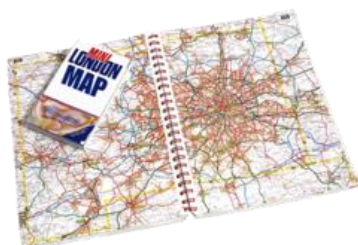


The government has written a plan about how the coronavirus rules will change over the next few months so:

- things can go back to normal
- we make the changes safely



Some people call the plan a 'road map'.



A map shows you where you are now and where you want to go. It also shows you the things you will pass on the way.



There will be 4 steps to change the coronavirus rules.



At each step you will be able to do more things and meet more people.



We will only move from one step to the next if fewer people are catching coronavirus.



Coronavirus will still be around.

It will still be important to:

- wash your hands often



- not touch your face



- give people space



- let fresh air in





- have tests to see if you have coronavirus



- have the coronavirus vaccine



Step 1 will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.



Some of the lockdown rules will change on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.



England will stay in lockdown until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March.



You can read [Mencap's easy read lockdown rules](#).



The government have planned some other dates for when the rules might change.



On each date, the rules will change across all of England.



The rules will only change on those dates if:



1. The plan to give coronavirus vaccines goes well



2. The vaccine helps to stop people getting really ill if they catch coronavirus. This means people are less likely to need to go to the hospital and have more chance of recovering.

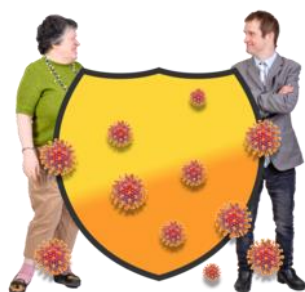


3. The number of people with coronavirus isn't getting too high

4. New types of coronavirus do not change the plans



There will be at least 5 weeks between each step.



If you have been shielding, you should stay shielding until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.



The government have written an [easy read guide about what will change at each step.](#)