Restrictions Update Guidance Note 29th October -
Guidance for Hospitality and Visitor Economy Sector based on Executives
announcements on 14th October and Regulations introduced on 16th October and 29th October.

1. Scope and Duration
These new restrictions come into force, for the most part, on Friday 16th October (unless stated otherwise in this document) and will last for 4 weeks. Some of the restrictions are set out in Regulations and others are set down as guidance.

This document is intended as interim guidance for businesses within the Tourism and Hospitality Sector.

Businesses must ensure that where they are still operating that they do so following all previous relevant guidance, with a current risk assessment, and with all suitable controls in place. Current TNI Guidance can be found at https://covid19.tourismni.com/support-centre/business-support-advice/practical-guidance-for-working-safely-during-covid-19/

Please remember, If a business has changed its operational model as a result of these restrictions, for example commenced food takeaway rather than table service, then they must reconsider and adapt as necessary their risk assessment and associated controls.

Businesses have been grouped together under headings as set out below and the new restrictions as they apply to those types of business set out within the relevant section.

2. Businesses serving or facilitating the consumption of Food and/or Drink (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) e.g. Restaurants, Pubs, Cafes

- All such premises must close for the service or consumption of food and/or drink (alcoholic or not) on the premises. Such businesses can operate a takeaway service for food and/or drink. They must close by 11.00 pm.

- All aspects of the business permitted must operate in a Covid safe way and all previous guidance is still applicable in relation to staff and customers whilst they are at the premises to collect their orders. Risk assessments should be adapted as required.

- If a business is planning to commence food takeaways, having operated table service only, then it is strongly recommended you seek advice and guidance from your local Council Environmental Health department to ensure you do so safely.

3. Businesses that are primarily concerned with providing visitor accommodation e.g. Hotels, Guesthouses, Bed and Breakfasts, Self-catering accommodation, Hostels, Bunkhouses, Campsites and Caravan Parks

3.1 Self Catering and Guest Accommodation
Self-catering accommodation can remain open but only members of 1 household or bubble are permitted to stay together.

3.2 Guesthouses, Bed and Breakfasts, Hostels, Bunkhouses

Guesthouses, Bed and Breakfasts must close with the following exceptions

Residents who are:

1. already resident on 16th October
2. resident for work-related purposes
3. vulnerable people; or
4. unable to return to their private dwelling due to an emergency.

For Hostels and Bunkhouses must close with the following exceptions

Residents who are:

1. already resident on the 29th October
2. resident for work-related purposes
3. vulnerable people; or
4. unable to return to their private dwelling due to an emergency.

3.3 Campsites and caravan parks for touring caravans must close.

Such businesses should also be mindful of the changes to health guidance which is advising members of the public to avoid unnecessary travel.

3.4 Hotels

Hotels will only be able to operate on a restricted basis. As set out below:

**Accommodation**

The only permitted residents are those who are:

- already resident on 16th October
- resident for work-related purposes
- vulnerable people; or
- unable to return to their private dwelling due to an emergency.

**Food and Drink**

- Food and non-alcoholic drinks can only be provided to residents staying for permitted purposes outlined above.
- Bars must remain closed and alcohol cannot be served.
**Business meetings**
- Business meeting can only occur provided they cannot be carried out remotely and remain within the number limitation (i.e. no more than 15 persons).

All previous controls relating to meetings and set out in other guidance must remain in place.

**Weddings**
- Any weddings already arranged up until Monday 19th October can take place, but numbers must be restricted to 25 regardless of previous numbers.

From Monday 19th October
- Ceremonies – (weddings and civil partnerships) to be limited to 25 people.
- Receptions either before or after the ceremony are not permitted.

**Corporate functions** (e.g. dinners; award events etc)
- As for wedding receptions these are not permitted.

**Leisure facilities**

**Gyms**
- Gyms may open but only for individual use and with strict distancing and hygiene controls. Classes are not permitted.

**Swimming Pools**
- Swimming pools may open for individual use/swimming only.

**Beauty Treatments/massage/Holistic Therapies**
- These are not permitted

**Spa Services**
- These are not permitted

4. Businesses that provide space for hire for functions e.g. Venues catering for weddings or other functions

- Venues providing either the ceremony and/or the post-ceremony or partnership celebration this weekend may remain open for this purpose, i.e. the ceremony itself, but may not provide other services for people who are not part of the wedding or partnership party. The party must not exceed 25

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5. **Businesses that provide indoor visitor attractions e.g.** Museums, Exhibitions, galleries, skating rinks, cinemas, other attractions etc

- No indoor attractions must open. This includes, but is not limited to, the list below. museums and galleries; bingo halls; cinemas (except where visitors remain in a vehicle); funfairs (whether outdoors or indoors) inflatable park; indoor amusement arcades; skating rinks.
- Outdoor attractions are permitted to remain open
- Cookery schools can remain open subject to appropriate risk assessment being completed and controls implemented.