

COVID-19 EVENTS UPDATE

Relating to the legislation changes as of September 14th 2020.

Further to the Government announcement on September 9th that groups of more than 6 people gathering will be illegal from September 14th unless in certain circumstances, we at the Alexander Hotel Collection have updated our event guidance to provide assurance that in certain conditions we are still able to host up to 30 guests indoors.

From the Government guidance, the below statements can be said to be applicable to hotel operations:

(Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing> published September 9th 2020).

There will be exceptions where groups can be larger than 6 people, including:

1. where everyone lives together or is in the same support bubble, or to continue existing arrangements where children do not live in the same household as both their parents
2. for work, and voluntary or charitable services
3. for education, training, registered childcare, or providers offering before or after-school clubs for children
4. wedding and civil partnership ceremonies and receptions, or for other religious life-cycle ceremonies - where up to 30 people will be able to attend

Taking each exemption in turn, we have set out how groups of greater than 6 can continue to meet in our premises:

1. By providing track and trace details guests will assume responsibility for provide accurate information about their household and legal support bubble. In this circumstance, we will be able to offer dining for groups of larger than 6 where the groups satisfy these conditions.
2. Our meeting rooms will still be possible to use for business purposes as it is classified as being for 'work' for up to 30 guests as previously set out by the Government.
3. Likewise, our meeting rooms will be possible to use for team development and training due to the list of classifications in point 3.
4. Weddings, civil ceremonies and other life-cycle ceremonies such as wakes will continue to be unaffected and operate for 30 guests

Alongside our already rigorous Covid-19 secure measures, we will continue to enforce the wearing of face masks in public spaces within our hotels and where possible will encourage guests to make use of our outside spaces.

Given the definitions provided by the Government at this time we are delighted to still be able to provide meetings and events and dining as previously set out for up to 30 guests. In these instances, as the descriptions are unambiguous our booking terms and conditions will apply.

