



Following Boris Johnson's address to the nation last night most of you will now be closed or working from home. The measures announced are as follows:

- From now people in Britain will be allowed to leave their homes for only "very limited purposes" - shopping for basic necessities; for one form of exercise a day; for any medical need; and to travel to and from work when "absolutely necessary"
- People are warned not to meet friends or family members who they do not live with
- Shopping is only permitted for essentials like food and medicine, and people are advised to do it "as little as you can"
- Police have powers to enforce the rules, including through fines and dispersing gatherings
- All shops selling non-essential goods, such as clothing and electronic stores, are ordered to close
- Libraries, playgrounds, outdoor gyms and places of worship are to close
- All gatherings of more than two people in public - excluding people you live with - are banned
- All social events, including weddings and baptisms are banned
- Funerals are not included in the new restrictions
- Parks will remain open for exercise, but gatherings will be dispersed
- Restrictions are "under constant review" and will be checked again in three weeks. They will be relaxed "if the evidence shows we are able to"

We understand that this is a worrying time for you and Harrow BID want to reassure you that we are doing all we can to assist you during this unprecedented time.

Both the London Fire Brigade and the Metropolitan Police Service are urging all businesses to look at their continuity plans and make sure that buildings are locked and safe. Please make sure that your contacts are up to date should anyone need to get hold of you.

In this update I have put some useful links for advice and guidance on what your business can do in this time. The first link is really helpful and tells you how you can apply for grants.

The BID continues to liaise with various agencies, and we will keep you updated on anything that will help you and your business.

If you are one of those businesses listed that is allowed to stay open and the BID can do anything for you please get in contact with me
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Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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