



**BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE 24-6-2020
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NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES FOR NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL OUTLETS FROM 4th JULY

Following the announcement yesterday about the social distancing relaxation from 2m to 1m, the government has finally updated its coronavirus website. However, the documents are long and some of them pretty wordy! Here is the main site so that you can choose the sector that applies to you. It includes offices, labs, factories, warehouses, etc. etc

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

To shortcut the clicking for restaurants, pubs, bars, and other take-away services, here's the document.

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5eb96e8e86650c278b077616/Keeping-workers-and-customers-safe-during-covid-19-restaurants-pubs-bars-takeaways-230620.pdf>

For hotels and other guest accommodation, the documents are here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/hotels-and-other-guest-accommodation>

For shops, the information is here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/shops-and-branches>

The PM says that "**where it is possible to keep 2m apart, people should**". The government says that 1 metre is as safe as 2m apart as long as all the other new precautions (which are known as "mitigations" are taken). e.g. altered office layout, protective screens, changing shift patterns, face coverings. The PM talks refers to "one metre plus" meaning if you are distancing by only 1 metre you must add the other safeguards. Unfortunately, it is not clear exactly which of the safeguards would apply in any particular circumstance. it is clearly down to the business operator in conjunction with their staff to make these complicated decisions. Boris Johnson's speech to the House yesterday can be read here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/prime-ministers-statement-to-the-house-on-covid-19-23-june-2020>

TO HELP YOU CARRY OUT A RISK ASSESSMENT OF YOUR BUSINESS, the government has this questionnaire: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-reopening>

HAVE THE BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATES BEEN HELPFUL? It would be good to know whether these posts over the last few months have in fact been in any way useful by summarising and offering direct links and shortcuts. "Like" this post if they were.

If you need to get information, advice or need to apply for loans from **Breckland District Council** here is the link: <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/coronavirus>

All Biz Buzz crisis updates are to be found on www.np4nb.online