

2 October 2020

County Hall
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Dear event organiser,

We continue to see outbreaks of COVID-19 across the country and we want to do what we can to ensure Wiltshire doesn't end up in local lockdown, as we have seen in other areas.

Wiltshire has experienced a recent increase in the number of COVID-19 cases.

While the "Rule of 6" brings some clarity, there are a number of exemptions to the new regulations which include work, voluntary or charitable work, weddings, funerals and organised sports activities among others. These are detailed in Government guidance which can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

Any events or gatherings of more than six people, other than those which are exempt, risk increasing the number of infections in the county.

In response to the current situation, Wiltshire Council is strongly recommending local businesses and event organisers postpone or cancel events that are planned to take place in the county for the remainder of 2020.

This recommendation is in response to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the country and the additional measures and restrictions being brought in by the Government.

This advice will be regularly reviewed, and it is hoped that the number of cases will reduce as a result of the "Rule of 6", and other COVID guidance and regulations so that we are able to review this recommendation in the coming weeks.

While Wiltshire Council and the Government do have new powers to prohibit events if they present a risk to public health, it is necessary for event organisers to take responsibility.

It is regrettable that we are unable to support events at this time, but this recommendation has been made to protect the health of Wiltshire residents.

Yours faithfully



Terence Herbert
Chief Executive, Wiltshire Council