**Non-essential businesses and premises must now shut**

**The following businesses and premises must remain closed – please click on link**:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-businesses-and-premises-to-close/further-businesses-and-premises-to-close-guidance>

These premises and other venues must close as they involve prolonged close social contact, which increases the chances of infection spreading.

Everyone is instructed to comply with the rules issued by the government in relation to coronavirus, in order to protect both themselves and others.

A business operating in contravention of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Business Closures) Regulations 2020 will be committing an offence.

Environmental Health and Trading Standards officers will monitor compliance with these regulations, with police support provided if appropriate. Businesses and premises that breach them will be subject to **prohibition notices,** and potentially **unlimited fines.**

This guidance will be updated regularly as the situation develops.

**Government Guidance for food businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here**:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses/guidance-for-food-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19#maintaining-social-distancing-in-specific-food-business-settings>

**Note**: food businesses wishing to trade as a takeaway / delivery service only should contact environmental health for advice: env.health@north-herts.gov.uk