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Letter from Leeds City Council

Good Afternoon,

As you will be aware the government announced additional social contact restrictions for Leeds last week, as the city became an 'area of intervention'. These additional social contact restrictions cover the whole city, so in effect any household that has their bin collected by Leeds City Council. Over this week the government have introduced further restrictions on parts of the North East and the North West, but the position for Leeds this week hasn't changed and so the social contact restrictions remain as announced last week.

In order to help prevent the spread of coronavirus you must not:

- *host people you do not live with in your home or garden, unless they're in your support bubble*
- *meet people you do not live with in their home or garden, whether inside or outside of the affected areas unless they're in your support bubble*

There are a number of exemptions to these regulations and I appreciate that many people will continue to have questions given the fast-moving pace of change. Please go to the [council website covid pages](#) or [gov.uk pages for West Yorkshire restrictions](#) for the most up to date information.

The rates of infection have continued to rise this week in Leeds and as of the 1st October, the Leeds 7 day Covid infection rate is now up to 134.8, and the Leeds 7 day positivity rate is 9.4%. The pattern across the city continues to reflect widespread community transmission across all parts of the city, but with bigger rises not surprisingly in the student and young adult population. Widespread community transmission is playing out in the number of cases in schools, but the tremendous work of all our head teachers, schools and teams in Public Health and Children and Families, has meant that this week no schools in Leeds are completely closed and there are currently around 95% of pupils and 97% of staff remaining in school. The majority of cases in schools are individual cases, and by responding to these quickly, and having the correct social distancing and cleaning measures in place, schools are making sure that these do not become outbreaks. For those with school age children the below infographic may be useful.

There is so much work taking place across the council and with our partners including in our universities, colleges and the hospitality sector in the city support all our efforts to get **more people, to do more of the right thing, more of the time, because they choose to**. Thank you for everything everyone is doing to support this and the important advice for everyone in Leeds remains to:

- Keep a safe distance wherever you can**
- Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds**
- Cover your face in enclosed spaces**
- Stick to the rules to minimise contact**
- Isolate when you need to/are advised to**
- Only get a test if you have symptoms**

NHS services are open despite the government's additional restrictions for Leeds, so please remember that your NHS is here for you. But to help the NHS:

- If you have been invited for an appointment, please do attend at the time given and follow the instructions you have been provided with
- Do not attend your GP practice or A&E for the purpose of getting a test for coronavirus for yourself or your child.
- If you think you or your child has at least one of the symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature or a new continuous cough or loss or change to their sense of taste or smell), please book a test. Call 119 or go online www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
- If you feel unwell and it's not an emergency please contact your GP practice or call NHS 111. Or if you prefer go online www.111.nhs.uk
- Please help us look after the most seriously unwell people by only calling 999 or going to accident and emergency (A&E) for life or limb-threatening injuries or illness

Thank you for all you are doing to help manage and contain the virus in Leeds. Together, we all need to continue to take care of ourselves, our communities and our city.

Best wishes

Tom

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