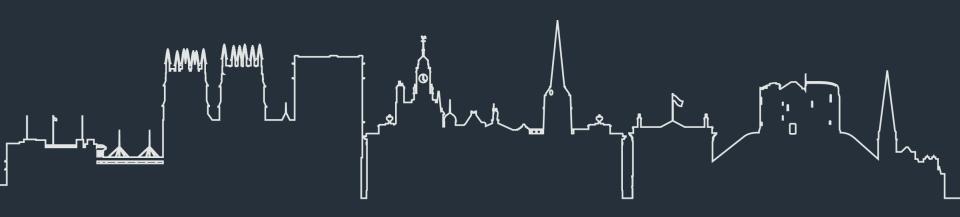


# YORK OUTBREAK CONTROL Communications update

**7 April 2021** 



## Key messages



## Safe Behaviours



Wash hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds.

## Hands



Air

Meet with others outdoors where possible.



Download the NHS Test & Trace app.



Wear a face covering in enclosed environments.

## Face



Minimise the number of different people you meet and the duration of meetings, if possible.



Get a test immediately if you have any symptoms.



Maintain space with anyone outside your household or bubble.

## Space



Air

Let fresh air in.



Self isolate if you have symptoms, have tested positive, or had contact with someone with COVID-19.









## Phase I

 Prevent - Provide updates about the current situation to prevent outbreaks

## Phase 2

 Respond – Share information in responses to an alert following increased cases and/or change in restrictions

## Phase 3

Manage the outbreak

## Phase 4



## A phased approach

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Pha	ases	Approach (including aims)	Timing		
I	Regular updates of current situation to try and prevent outbreaks	Amplify in phase 2  Share accurate and timely updates: Share key public health messages and updates about the current situation in York, quickly addressing inaccuracies and providing the most up to date information and tools to support behaviour change.  Build advocacy: Work closely with partners to ensure consistent messaging across the city. Share public health actions taken by city partners and public health and show how behaviour changes are supported by partners.	15 June 2020: Reopening		
2	Alert following spike in cases and/or change in restrictions	Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do: Share what the city is doing to protect residents and what they need to do to keep others safe and places open. Use case and vaccination data to update residents and businesses on the current position. Demonstrate partnership approach being taken.  Build engagement through conversation: Share messages and updates with residents. Engage audiences to find out how they are feeling and what they need to help the city recover and adapt their behaviours. Work closely with our partners to share insight and ideas.	2 December 2020:Tier 2 30 December 2020:Tier 3		
3	Manage outbreak	Deliver a regular drumbeat of accurate information: Initiate incident communications toolkit, assign roles and establish the rhythm of the incident, with regular and targeted communications and ongoing social media and website updates.  Signpost support: Update CYC website and signpost support through all channels, responding to social media and providing information for partners to distribute through their channels  Promote unity and community cooperation: Put people first, share stories of the personal impact of covid (MyCovidStory) and of people coming together and showing the very best of themselves and their experience of covid (York Kind)  Target information: Provide residents with targeted information about changes, signpost relevant support services, coordinate information through targeted networks for partners to distribute to their channels	23 March 2020: Lockdown 2 November 2020: Lockdown 5 January 2021: Lockdown 8 March 2021: step Ia 29 March 2021: step Ib		
4	Safely recover	<ul> <li>Approach as per phase I and 2</li> <li>Updates are highlighted.</li> </ul>	12 April 2021: step 2 17 May 2021: step 3 21 June 2021: open in full		

## Communications roadmap



	2020							•		2021						
Regular rhythm	М	A	М	J	J	A	S	0	N	D	J	F	М	Α	M	J
Restriction communications	lo	ockdov	wn		٦	ier I		T2	Lockd own	Т3	Lock	down	SI	S2	S3	S4
Regular updates / e-newsletters		daily				I-2 a week										
Direct publications, Our City			mor	nthly			quarterly					nthly	quarterly			
Facebook live – ask the leaders							monthly weekly				fortnightly			monthly		
Let's be York (Safe reopen)					Busi	ness p	ack, signa					ge, social, web, PR nt trials)				
Let's be York (keep open)							Outside, social									
Let's be York (Xmas/keep going)																
We've got it covered							Soc	Social, PR, web								
18-34 yo residents									Social							
Safe return to school							direct,	social, v	veb				8			
Emotional health #FeelRealYork									PR, fac	ebook,	social, ou	utside, par	tner pac	cks		
Testing strategy											Direct, web, social, signage					
Complacency: My Covid Story						Web, social, direct, PR										
Vaccinations, inc. mythbusting						Direct, social										
A year on											31		23			

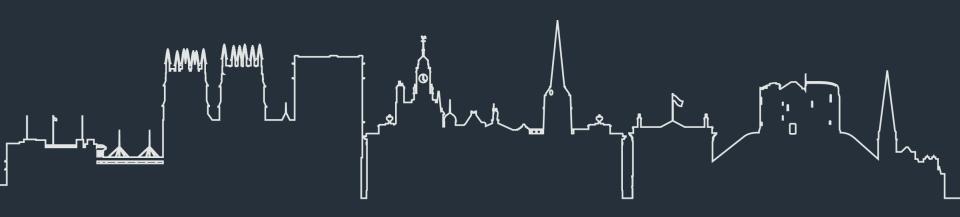


## ROADMAP STEPS as published 22/02/2021

		Ste		T	Step	2	Г	Ste	n 3	Step 4			
	0.14			20.14				Н	No earlier than 17 May				
	8 M	arch		29 March	4	No earlier than 12 April			No earlier t	nan I/ May	No earlier than 21 June		
			As sch	ools break for Easter Holiday	5	5 weeks after step I			5 weeks after step 2			5 weeks after step 3	
Education	Schools and colleges open for all students	Practical Higher Education Courses											
			Organ	ised outdoor sport (children and		All Retail	Personal care						
	Wraparound care, including sport, for all children.		adults)  Outdoor sport and leisure facilities			Libraries & Community Centres	Most outdoor attractions		Indoor hospitality	Indoor entertainment		Remaining businesses,	
Business / activities			All outdoor children's activities  Outdoor parent & child group (up to 15 aged 5+)			Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)	Self-contained accommodation		Organised indoor	and attractions		including Nightclubs.	
activities						All children's activities	Outdoor hospitality		sport (adult)  Remaining	Remaining outdoor			
			Ů,			Indoor parent & child groups (up to 15 aged 5+)			accommodation	accommodation			
Social contact	OUTSIDE	Exercise and recreation with +1	Rule of 6 or 2 Households			Rule of 6 or 2 Households			Maximum 30 people			No legal limit	
contact	INSIDE	Household only	Household only			Household only			Rule of 6 or 2 Households (subject to review)			No legal limit	
	DOMESTIC	Stay at Home	Minimise travel			Domestic overnight stays (household only)				Domestic o	overnight stays		
Travel	INT'L	No international holidays	No international holidays			No international holidays				Subjec	t to rev	to review	
	LIFE EVENTS		Funerals: 30 Weddings and wakes: 6			Funerals: 30 Weddings, wakes, receptions: 15			Most significant life events: 30			No legal limit (subject to review)	
Larger events	OTHER EVENTS					Event pilots	Small organised outdoor events			ts 1000 or 50% hts 4000 or 50%	Larger events (subject to review)		ject to
									Large seated outdoor venues 10,000 or 25%				



# Phase I Regular update of current situation to try and prevent outbreaks





## Share accurate and timely messaging

## 27 x press releases

21 x press releases	
Date	
05 April 2021	Council responds to announcement that more of the city can reopen
01 April 2021	UPDATED STATS: Enjoy Easter safely and responsibly [copy]
01 April 2021	Volunteer litter picker Pete is one of 520
01 April 2021	Plea for more residents to get tested as new testing site is set to open
01 April 2021	Joint working to help open up the city safely
31 March 2021	Media operation note - press briefing 01/04/21
31 March 2021	Three safe ways to vote in 6 May election
30 March 2021	Council updates businesses on the restart grant payments
30 March 2021	Shielding lifts after I April as infection rates fall further
27 March 2021	Enjoy the Easter holiday safely
26 March 2021	Grant support provided to more than 3,500 businesses
24 March 2021	More symptom-free testing slots available
23 March 2021	Support and comfort for bereaved residents
22 March 2021	Council and partners thank the city on the first lockdown's anniversary
22 March 2021	Council makes final urge to businesses to apply for "financial lifeline" before deadline
19 March 2021	Stay safe and follow the guidance this weekend
18 March 2021	Plans to meet York's post-pandemic skills needs to be considered
18 March 2021	York families benefit from Easter holiday activity programme
18 March 2021	City of York council preparing for the safe reopening of the city
17 March 2021	Council to contact trace all positive cases in York
16 March 2021	Rates relief applied to business rates
12 March 2021	York's education leaders thank parents and pupils
II March 2021	UPDATED: Proposal to establish new York Health and Care Alliance
10 March 2021	Residents and businesses invited to join live Q&A
09 March 2021	Latest guidance shared with city care homes
08 March 2021	Invitation to a media briefing - Tuesday 9 March at 4:30pm
08 March 2021	Support marshalls contribute to falling infection rates

## Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do



The council works closely with partners and uses different channels to reach as many people as possible.

Our regular communications (increasing registrations throughout the month by %):

- 2x weekly email updates to members and partners (128 recipients)
- 2x weekly resident e-newsletter (2281 recipients +1%)
- Weekly business e-newsletter (1533 recipients +1%)
- Weekly families e-newsletter (1099 recipients +1%)
- Regular press releases and media interviews
- Social media campaigns

Introduced vaccination update twice a week





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Step and potential dates	What this means (summary). For full details go to the roadmap	Actions (beyond the regular rhythm)	Challenges	Key messages
Step I – 8 March Could be announced I March	<ul> <li>Schools and colleges open for all students</li> <li>Some practical HE courses return</li> <li>Funerals (30) and wakes and weddings (6)</li> <li>Exercise outside with one other person</li> <li>No indoor mixing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Facebook Live</li> <li>Information to parents</li> <li>Media briefing</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Testing</li><li>Parental anxiety</li><li>Complacency</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Stay at home</li> <li>Hands, Face,</li> <li>Space</li> <li>Get tested</li> <li>Let's keep going</li> </ul>
Step Ib – No sooner than 29 March Announced by 22 March	<ul> <li>Rule of six or two households outdoors</li> <li>Outdoor sport and leisure facilities reopen</li> <li>Organised outdoor sports return</li> <li>Outdoor parent and child groups (15)</li> <li>Minimise travel, no holidays</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Open space/parks signage</li> <li>Map/graphic about local with York in the centre?</li> <li>Community groups/sports briefing (what can do)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is local?</li> <li>Return of sport</li> <li>Parent and child groups</li> <li>Rule of 6</li> <li>Staff health and safety</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Stay local</li><li>Hands, Face,</li><li>Space</li></ul>
Step 2 – No sooner than I2 April Announced by 5 April	<ul> <li>Still no indoor mixing, rule of 6 outside</li> <li>Reopening of retail, leisure and outdoor hospitality</li> <li>Domestic overnight stays (household only)</li> <li>Indoor parent and child groups (15)</li> <li>Funerals (30), Weddings and wakes (15)</li> <li>By 15 April all phase 1 offered vaccine</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Media briefing</li> <li>Information for businesses</li> <li>City centre and district signage</li> <li>Litter campaign</li> <li>Partner briefing</li> <li>Direct comms to residents</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lots reopening</li> <li>Team capacity as this is around Easter break</li> <li>Domestic tourism</li> <li>Business support and café licences</li> <li>Unis face to face learning increases</li> </ul>	- Hands, Face, Space, air
Step 3 – No sooner than 17 May Announced by 10 May Our City	<ul> <li>Indoor entertainment and attractions (including pubs)</li> <li>30 people outdoors, rule of 6/two households indoors (under review)</li> <li>Life events, inc weddings (30)</li> <li>Outdoor entertainment performances</li> <li>Return of crowds (indoor is 1,000 or 50% capacity, outdoor 4,000 or 50%)</li> <li>International travel (subject to review)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Facebook live</li> <li>Media briefing</li> <li>Stadium signage</li> <li>Live well York update?</li> <li>Pub signage</li> <li>Registrar / Crem signage</li> <li>Animation about fresh air</li> <li>What you can do outside</li> <li>Partner briefing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Live spectator sports</li> <li>Indoor mixing</li> <li>Tourism</li> <li>Up to 30 outside</li> <li>Pubs open to indoor trade</li> <li>Furlough support for affected staff</li> <li>Complacency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hands, Face,</li> <li>Space and air</li> <li>Meet outdoors if you can</li> </ul>
Step 4 – No sooner	<ul> <li>RNMENT REVIEW ON THE FUTURE OF HANDS</li> <li>No legal limits on contact and life events</li> <li>Larger events</li> </ul>	, FACE, SPACE AND HOW W Open letter to residents? COVID safe celebration pack	<ul> <li>What prevention measures are still</li> </ul>	DNORMAL
than 21 June Announced by 14 June	• Nightclubs		in? - Staying open!	



For bereavement support in York:

St Leonard's Hospice

stleonardshospice.org.uk

201904 708 553

York Cruse

**2** 01904 481162

york@cruse.org.uk or send a message through its Facebook page

Bereaved Children's Support York

bcsy.org.uk

info.bcsy@gmail.com



9:00 am - 28 Mar 2021 - Hootsuite Inc.

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Tomorrow marks the first anniversary of lockdown.

We'll be open from 11.30am for prayer, quiet reflection and to light candles for loved ones. The Minster will fall still at 12pm for a 1 minute silence.

You can also join an online service at 5.30pm.

#### #NationalDayofReflection



4:36 pm · 22 Mar 2021 · Twitter Web App

16 Retweets 1 Quote Tweet 74 Likes



Today we're inviting you to come together to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future.

Join us for a minute of silence at 12 noon and find out more about the National #DayOfReflection: bit.lv/394cmSf



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Nimbuscare

As we light up our 'Tent of Hope' tomorrow to reflect on the past year, we remember those we have lost & thank our teams & our community. @SLHYork @ValeofYorkCCG @CityofYork @FirstYork @EboracumYork @YorkTeachingNHS

#### #OneYearOn #YorkVaccinationCentre



8:12 am · 22 Mar 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

8 Retweets 46 Likes



## My Covid Story

Read about how the pandemic has affected ordinary people's lives in an extraordinary year

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www.york.gov.uk/MyCovidStory

#### 1. One year since the first lockdown

<u>Today</u> marks one year since the first lockdown announcement. We want to thank you all for your hard work and sacrifices over the past twelve months to stop the spread of the virus, it all makes a difference.

As the country marks one year since the first lockdown was announced on 23 March 2020, we are joining the nation in reflecting on the last 12 months, and thanking residents and businesses for pulling together in what has been the most difficult of times:

#### Thank you to everyone in York.

You have home-schooled, stayed at home, volunteered, communicated virtually, looked after your community, practised hands, face space and more.

#### Thank you to our partners

You have worked so tirelessly to protect residents' lives and livelihoods.

#### Thank you to our business community

This has been incredibly challenging for us all, you have been affected in ways you couldn't imagine, but by working together and sharing the vast knowledge among York, you quickly adapted to keep your customers and staff safe.

Thank you to the city's key workers, including council staff

## 23 March 2021 A year on

Press release thanking everyone Resident update Partner brief Shared partner social Promoted bereavement support and MyCovid Story case studies on social

Lit up walls in support of St Leonards Hospice





## Phase 3

## Manage outbreak



## Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do

Reminding residents what they can do (safe behaviours) to help stop the spread of the virus and keep homes and families in York safe

#### **Communications objectives:**

**Think:** know that whilst in lockdown there are things they can do and support available Feel: supported and engaged with Covid safety measures, feeling more control over own safety **Do:** stay home and follow hands, space, face to help keep everyone safe

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## **Easter in York**

Let's stay safe and have fun

#### You can still:

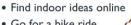
- · Walk around the Bar Walls
- · Play in the city's parks
- Picnic in the Museum Gardens Spot wildlife

and remember









· Go for a bike ride

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Social media key messages based on what you can do or connecting to support



✓ Sort your waste before you arrive

🖧 If you are planning an essential trip to our Household Waste Recycling Centre make sure you follow our guidance to keep your trip safe:

## Let's all stay safe on shared paths

It's important for all of us to enjoy exercising outside. When near a shared path, ensure your pet is on a



Keep your distance at the



york.gov.uk/VisitingHWRCSa...





City of York Council is reminding eligible busines who have not yet applied for Additional Restriction Grant (ARG) funding to do so before the 31 March

To check if you are eligible visit: york.gov.uk/COVID19Busines...

Find out more at york.gov.uk/news/article/5...

**Business grants update** Additional Restriction Grant Deadline 31 March

To find out more visit: https://www.york.gov.uk/COVIDBusiness

#### 1. Businesses urged to apply for financial lifeline before deadline

City of York Council is reminding eligible business who have not yet applied for Additional Restriction Grant (ARG) funding to do so before the 31 March 2021.

See details of available business grants and check if you're eligible at: https://www.york.gov.uk/COVID19BusinessGrants

This additional funding has so far supported around 1,300 York businesses which have not been forced to close but have been severely impacted by restrictions.

> Press release, web, partner updates to remind businesses about deadlines.

# Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do – 29 March



- PR, media briefing, web update
- Business briefings inc. BID
- Shared national messages
- Prepared city centre signage based on PHE behavioural science unit recommendations – bus stop signage, bollards, business posters

#### **Facebook lives:**

- 11/03/21 Business Support: 25 comments, 942 views, 2225 reach, 7 reactions
- 16/03/21 Public Health and vaccines: 49 comments, 1451 views, 5994 reach, 20 reactions









Let's be York Safe Welcoming Considerate

nhs.uk/coronavirus



Let's keep York open

Keep 2 metres distance

Let's be York

nhs.uk/coronavirus









nhs.uk/coronavirus

Let's be York
Safe Welcoming Considerate





Sharon Stoltz, director of public health said: "Like everyone I am looking forward to seeing friends or family outdoors from 29 March. However, the virus is still present. Covid loves a crowd so please don't give it the chance to spread. Please continue to follow the rules".

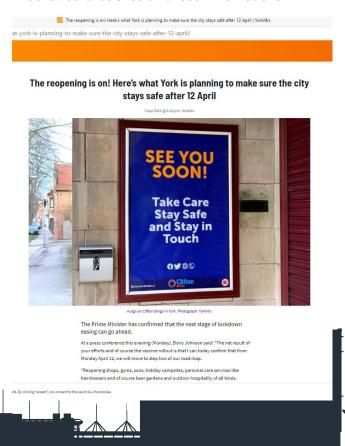


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# Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do – 12 March



- PR, web update, social
- · Shared national messages
- Installed city centre signage based on PHE behavioural science unit recommendations





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## Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do



## **Testing**



Test and Trace contact tracers will call you if you've had a positive COVID-19 test result. They'll ask how you're doing and make sure you're aware of the help available whilst you self-isolate.

The street Help them help you - expect the call and answer the phone

york.gov.uk/LocalTracing









The Better Leisure Centre part of the York Stadium Leisure Complex, is the latest facility in York to offer symptom-free testing Find out more here york.gov.uk/news/article/5...



### Symptom Free Testing made easy



- The York Leisure Centre at the York Stadium Leisure Complex
- Foxwood Community Centre (open from 12 April)
- York St John University
- University of York

Book your symptom-free test at york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCovidTo

If you have symptoms or your symptom-free test comes be positive you should book a confirmatory PCR test through www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119

Media coverage

Direct communications to residents and responded to community facebook groups

Promoted booking a symptom-free test to key groups

Surge testing briefing for officers

Signpost to web page for more information

Surge testing sessions to update councillors on preparations



Self-isolate and expect a call from a Test and Trace contact tracer.

They will ask you how you're doing and let you know what support is available.



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Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do

#FeelRealYork Emotional and physical health

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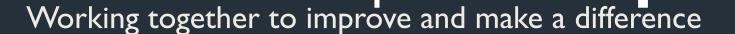
#FeelRealYork updated with tips on how to start meaningful conversations



Partner toolkit
Social
Press release issued on shielding
lifting from I April
Wellbeing at work – York Head
of Comms Group workshop

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## Phase 4

## Safely recover





## The staged plan

The trial will be in stages timed around key reopening dates:

- 1. Prior to 29 March review the existing signage and propose changes. Signage will be revised and installed for 29 March and then 12 April.
- 2. <u>Prior to 17 May</u> focus groups with businesses with outside space to understand their experiences about how people behave in the outside spaces and the impact the signage had/didn't have AND interview residents/visitors to the city about their experiences together with a city-wide survey for residents. The business insight will inform a second refinement of signage.
- 3. <u>Prior to 21 June</u> tourist and resident insight will then further refine signage with recommendations about the interventions installed across the city
- 4. <u>During the summer</u>, we will poll businesses about how visitors are behaving in open spaces in light of the changes and whether the insight has made a difference.

## Stage I. PHE review existing signage

- PHE behavioural insight unit have reviewed previous/existing signage and made the below recommendations:
  - reduce content
  - focus only on the actions people should take (hands, space or face)
    - Note from 5 April, the Government will also recommend "air" although we don't yet know what the behaviour is
  - use colour consistently, to act as a prompt
  - be more visible at the points people make decisions
  - Increase size of one-way signage
  - Put more prompts at bus stops or park benches or where people linger (not throughputs like car parks or cycle routes)
  - Reduce clutter only display signage in locations that make a difference
  - Strengthen city walls signage using what has worked already (eg. exit/no entry signs)



## **Before**

#### Let's be York

Opening up the city for everyone to enjoy – safely

We've made some changes through the city to help us all – look out for signs and guides.





Let's be safe

Wash our hands regularly

Let's protect each other

and maps to plan your routes

Let's park > walk > visit

Observe social distancing – outside and inside

Let's be welcoming

We've opened up more pedestrian areas

Look out for one way walking streets and signs







businesses while they adapt.

Let's support our businesses

Respect each other

Let's be considerate

Be patient and show your support for local

Use the queue markings outside and inside shops

Let's be York
Safe Welcoming Considerate

For more information and to help us open up York together, please visit our website: www.york.gov.uk/letsbeyork



## After





HANDS



FACE



**SPACE** 

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#### Let's be York

Opening up the city for everyone to enjoy – safely



#### Let's travel safely on buses

Wear face coverings at all times Use the queue markings at all



Let's be safe Wash our hands regularly Observe social distancing – outside and inside buses and



We've opened up more pedestrian areas and spaces Look out for signs and maps to



Let's be considerate
Use the queue markings outside and inside shops
Respect each other

Show support for drivers as we all adapt

plan your routes

For more information on bus and other travel in and around York, please visit **www.itravelyork.info** 

Let's be York

















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Let's be York



Let's keep York open

Keep 2 metres distance

Let's be York

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Let's keep York open

Wash/sanitise your hands

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Let's keep York open

Wear a face covering

Let's be York

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## Build engagement through conversation





Want to hear from behavioural experts about keeping consumers and staff safe?

On Thursday 25 March, 3-4pm, the Public Health Behavioural Science & Insights Unit will share experience and knowledge on how to keep customers safe.



Reopening the city with behavioural insight

Hear from behavioural experts about keeping consumers and staff safe.

& eventbrite.co.uk

## 25 March 2021

Held zoom webinar for business with outside space

- Promoted through corporate and partner channels
- 66 registered attendees

## 19-20 April 2021

Arranging 4 x focus groups for business with outside space to discuss direct with PHE behavioural science unit

30 April - 4 May 2021

Holding interviews with 30 residents and visitors

May - Our City survey for all residents



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