



## Press Release

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### **Alderney moves to Stage Two lockdown exit on Tuesday**

Alderney will move to Stage Two of lockdown exit on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will allow the Island to enjoy more freedom to meet as restaurants, pubs, cafés and hotels will be able to operate with table service only.

Non-essential retailers can open their doors and construction sites can operate within strict conditions and limitations. All businesses must maintain records to demonstrate they are working to a clear operating plan within the Covid-19 restrictions and Public Health guidance.

The 14-day self-isolation rule remains in place for anyone arriving from Guernsey and pleasure boats are not permitted to visit the island until these provisions are modified.

St Anne's School will be opening and parents and pupils will be advised directly by the Head Teacher who is working with his staff and the education authorities to ensure that a safe and prompt opening is achieved as soon as possible next week.

This early move to the next lockdown release stage has been possible because of the low risk of the introduction of Covid-19 to the community and is a very positive development for the Island.

But, as it is happening well in advance of such a move in Guernsey, the guidelines that will apply for people and businesses are still being reviewed in the light of the increasing understanding of the ability of the Covid-19 virus to be transmitted between people. The guidelines presently on the [covid.gov.gg](https://www.covid.gov.gg) website are likely to change to represent a slightly more cautious approach to Stage Two. Therefore, the final guidelines for Stage Two are not expected to be available until Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Island can expect to move to Stage Three a week later, on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, subject to confirmation by the Civil Contingencies Authority (CCA).

Alderney has only seen one case of COVID-19 and the individual has since recovered. As was reflected at the time, the case was one where contact tracers established that there were no further contacts and it presented very little risk.

Alderney States Member Bill Abel, who represents the States of Alderney on the CCA, said: “We are fortunate to be in a position where we currently have no active cases of Covid-19, and we have not seen a new case since that single case was cleared a week ago. So the CCA and the States of Alderney are agreed that it’s entirely appropriate for Alderney to move forward through its exit from lockdown.”

The announcement was made today (February 26<sup>th</sup>), the day after Sark moved into Stage Two. The CCA will reach a decision about Guernsey’s move to Stage Two at its meeting on Tuesday, while fresh guidance about what is permitted in Stage Two is expected to be published at <https://covid19.gov.gg> on Monday March 1.

Sark moved into Stage Two on Thursday February 25 and is expected to move to Stage Three next Thursday.

Further details and clarifications will be published on the Alderney.gov.gg website as they become available while full details of the Bailiwick’s ‘Exit from Lockdown’ are at <https://covid19.gov.gg/guidance/exit>.

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