

## COVID-19 Guidance for TYHA & British Marine Members

This guidance for marina operators is designed to assist you in supporting the nations focus to fight COVID-19.

The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives.

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. That is why the government is now (23 March 2020) introducing three new measures.

- Requiring people to stay at home, except for very limited purposes
- Closing non-essential shops and community spaces
- Stopping all gatherings of more than two people in public

**We therefore strongly recommend that you advise your berth holders to stay at home and follow the governments directive.**

The following Q&A's should help you better understand what we know/understand and will help contextualise the flow diagram on the following page.

**Question:** What is the definition of Essential Services?

**Answer:** The UK Government has not specified what are Essential Services, instead they have identified what they consider to be Non-Essential Services which can be found in this document:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/874732/230320\\_-\\_Revised\\_guidance\\_note\\_-\\_finalVF.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874732/230320_-_Revised_guidance_note_-_finalVF.pdf)

**Question:** Should we shut our marinas to leisure berth holders?

**Answer:** We have asked the UK Government and their response was that marinas should be treated the same way as caravan parks which have been directed to close. Recognising that marinas include other services and operations we have put together a flow diagram on the following page to help you.

**Question:** How do we treat residential moorers

**Answer:** We have asked the UK Government and their response was: 'On (regarding) residents staying on site, there is no explicit guidance on this for Marinas, but we think that to interpret yourselves in the same way as caravan parks seems like a sensible approach'.

As follows:

*Where people live permanently in caravan parks or are staying in caravan parks as interim abodes where their primary residence is not available, they may continue to do so.*

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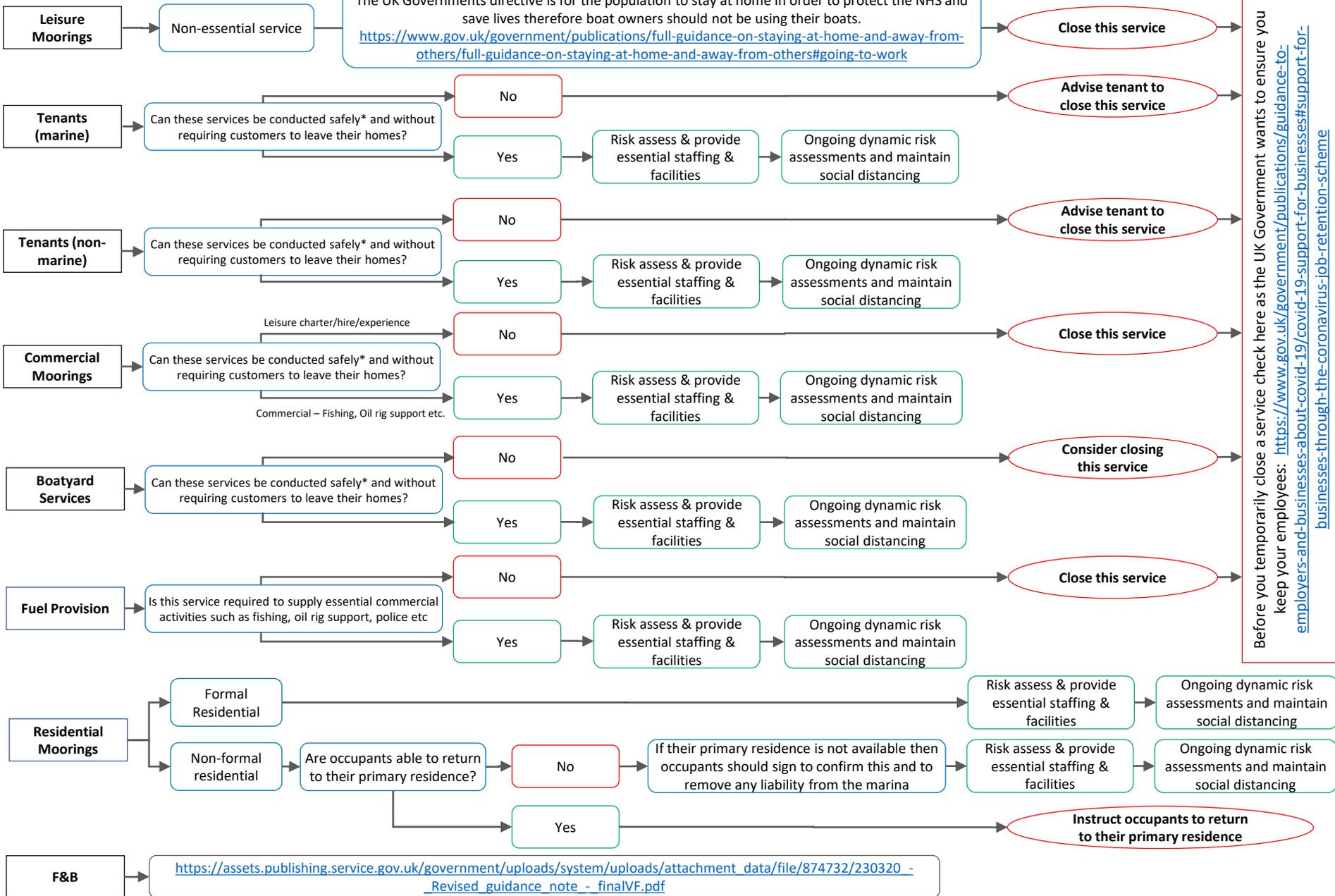
**Question:** If the UK goes into full lockdown can marinas maintain skeleton staffing to maintain essential infrastructure and keep the site secure?

**Answer:** We have asked the UK Government a number of times and have not had an official response to the question. Our interpretation however is that it would be acceptable and sensible to have a minimal staff presence at the marina site to maintain security and monitor essential services. Should this be necessary it is essential that the health of staff is prioritised, that full risk assessments are conducted and appropriate PPE provided.

*The information in this document is provided as general guidance to members and is British Marine's interpretation of the Government's position with regards to the potential closure of marina businesses. Although British Marine tries to ensure that all of the information is accurate and up to date, this cannot be guaranteed owing to the very fast moving situation. Members should review the Government's full guidance themselves by following the links in this document and should keep up to date with the Government's latest announcements. The information in this document should not be construed as constituting professional advice and we would always advise that members consider seeking appropriate professional advice before taking or refraining from taking any action.*

The UK Governments directive is for the population to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives therefore boat owners should not be using their boats.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others#going-to-work>

Before you temporarily close a service check here as the UK Government wants to ensure you keep your employees: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses#support-for-businesses-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>



\* Follow the governments guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>

# UK Government Confirmation of Non-Essential Businesses

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## Non-essential businesses and premises must now shut

The following businesses and premises must remain closed:

Business, premises or place	Exceptions
<b>Food and drink</b>	
Restaurants	Food delivery and takeaway can remain operational.
Cafes, including workplace canteens	Food delivery and takeaway can remain operational. Cafés or canteens at hospitals, care homes or schools; prison and military canteens; services providing food or drink to the homeless.
Public houses	
Bars and nightclubs, including bars in hotels or members' clubs	
<b>Retail</b>	
Hair, beauty and nail salons, including piercing and tattoo parlours	
Massage parlours	
All retail with notable exceptions	Supermarkets and other food shops, health shops, pharmacies including non-dispensing pharmacies, petrol stations, bicycle shops, home and hardware shops, laundrettes and dry cleaners, bicycle shops, garages, car rentals, pet shops, corner shops, newsagents, post offices, and banks.
Outdoor and indoor markets	Market stalls which offer essential retail, such as grocery and food.
Auction houses	
Car showrooms	
<b>Hotels</b>	
Hotels, hostels, BnBs, campsites and boarding houses for commercial use	Where people live in these as interim abodes whilst their primary residence is unavailable they may continue to do so.  Key workers can continue to stay in hotels or similar where required.
Caravan parks/sites for commercial uses	Where people live permanently in caravan parks or are staying in caravan parks as interim abodes where their primary residence is not available, they may continue to do so.

<b>Non-residential institutions</b>	
Libraries	
Community centres, youth centres and similar	Facilities may remain open for the purpose of hosting essential voluntary or public services, such as food banks or homeless services.  We will do everything to support vulnerable people who are without a network of friends and families.
Places of worship for services	Funerals following the social distancing guidance; places of worship should remain open for solitary prayer.  Live streaming of a service without audience would be permissible.
Cinemas, theatres and concert halls	Live streaming of a performance by a small group could be permissible with social distancing observed.
<b>Assembly and leisure</b>	
Museums and galleries	
Bingo halls, casinos and betting shops	
Spas	
Skating rinks	
Fitness studios, gyms, swimming pools or other indoor leisure centres	
Arcades, bowling alleys, soft play centres and similar	
<b>Outdoor recreation</b>	
Enclosed spaces in parks, including playgrounds, sports courts and pitches, and outdoor gyms or similar	

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

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