

# Coronavirus: Off-licences deemed 'essential' during lockdown as they are added to govt list

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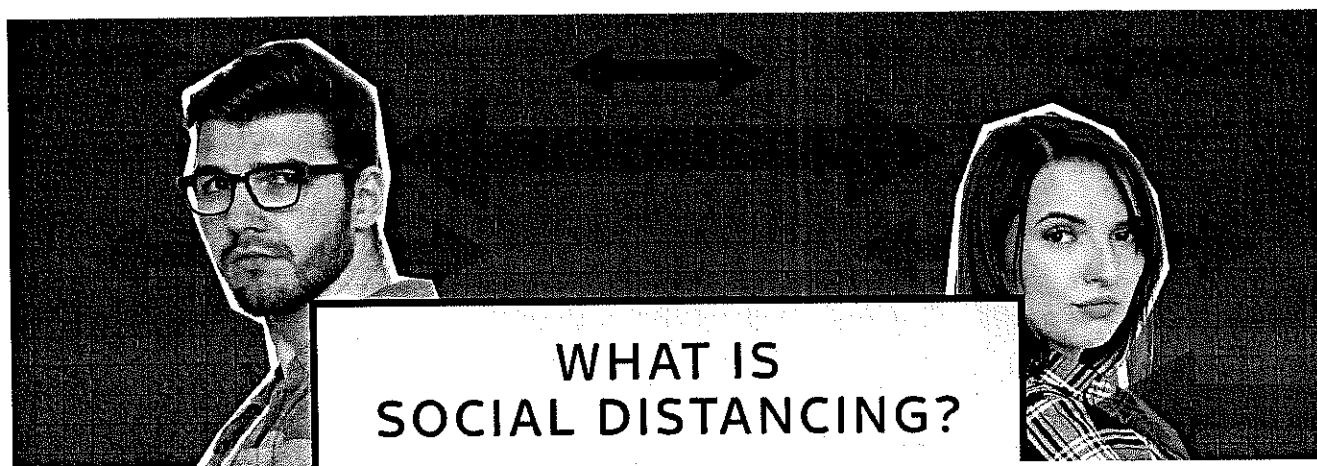
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Business that can stay open also include corner shops, pharmacies, supermarkets, hardware stores, banks, petrol stations and bike shops.

Mr Johnson had ordered the closure of all non-essential businesses on Monday night, bringing the UK into lockdown in a bid to ease pressure on the NHS.