

The Plough Shepreth

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Covid-19 Pandemic – Policy at The Plough Shepreth

The government, at 5:30pm yesterday, issued a statement advising people to stay away from pubs, theatres and restaurants, rather than forcing these venues to close. I am sure our customers are aware of the implications of this advice and its impact on the ability to claim on any business insurance policies. Without income, this business is unable to pay staff, suppliers and overheads such as rent, business rates, utilities and taxes, and will very quickly suffer damage that will be impossible to recover from.

We take our responsibilities very seriously and are therefore implementing measures that we believe continue to give customers a choice, whilst taking steps to keep everybody as safe as possible and prevent unnecessary transmission of the virus. After much discussion, and having taken as much advice as available, we are immediately implementing the measures detailed overleaf.

In summary, I completely understand that our customers may wish to follow current advice and stay away from The Plough whilst the pandemic continues. However, as I have said above, I believe in giving people a choice, and the above measures, whilst far from being completely bulletproof, do, I hope, represent a responsible, balanced response to the current situation. The conditions and government advice are changing daily, so expect this policy to evolve over the coming days, weeks and months.

We work very hard to ensure that The Plough provides a warmly social environment for everybody, and throughout the current crisis we fully intend to continue that work as far as it is possible and reasonably safe to do so.

My sincere and heartfelt thanks for all the support The Plough and its amazing team continue to receive from customers, regular, occasional, old and new.

Thank you for your understanding in these difficult times.

With much Plough Love,

Nick and all the team at The Plough xx

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1. Approximately half of the tables have been removed from the bar area and a gap of at least two metres has been designated between the remaining tables. Please do not reposition any tables or chairs without consulting our staff.
2. The terrace has been fully opened with a similar two metre gap between tables.
3. The garden has been opened and picnic tables placed with larger gaps between them.
4. The smaller of our upstairs gallery rooms is available to book separately from the rest of the pub.
5. The larger gallery room has been reconfigured with reduced tables with a similar two metre gap between them. These tables can be specifically booked upon request.
6. Full service is available in all areas of the pub, terrace and garden. Should you wish to drink or dine outside, please wrap up warmly.
7. With immediate effect, we will no longer accept bookings for parties of more than six on one table. Larger parties can be accommodated but will be seated across as many nearby tables as possible.
8. All staff will wear sterile gloves at all times and/or wash hands using anti-bacterial handwash for twenty seconds between serving each customer.
9. Any customers displaying symptoms similar to those associated with the Covid-19 virus will be denied entry. We ask for your co-operation with this.
10. All scheduled events and music performances will go ahead although please be aware that some performers may wish to cancel at short notice.
11. We ask that groups of customers do not congregate at the bar and make use of the tables and outside areas instead.
12. The building is well ventilated, and we intend to keep doors and windows open as much as the weather permits. Please be aware that it is likely to feel generally cooler throughout the building so please dress comfortably and warmly.
13. Hugs, kisses and handshakes are banned for the time being (but you may bank them for later!).

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