



## Who can you have in your garden?

- In England, two households of any size can meet indoors or outside. This does not have to be the same set of households. However, the government does not recommend meetings of multiple households indoors because of the risk of infection.
- Social distancing between people not in your household will still have to be observed - ideally at 2m (6ft), but at 1m if that's not possible.
- Outdoors, people from multiple households can meet in groups of up to six - but two households can meet regardless of size.
- From 6 July, people who are clinically vulnerable and are "shielding" will be able to gather in groups of up to six people outdoors, including individuals outside of their household.



## Before the party

- Remind your guests that if anyone has any COVID-19 symptoms in their household they should stay at home.
- Set out tables and chairs at a safe distance so people can relax about social distancing.
- Put a cloth and bleach spray in the toilet and ask people to disinfect any tap, loo seat or toilet handles they have touched after they've been to the loo.
- Wash your hands before and after preparing food.
- Put food straight on to plates and don't use large serving bowls which need to be handed round. Avoid serving a lot of cold food which needs "handling" before and during a meal, like salads. Nibbles like crisps and nuts should be served in small individual bowls.



## During the party

- When everyone arrives explain how the social distancing will work at your party – where the handwashing facilities are, and anything they need to remember.
- Everyone should regularly wash their hands using soap and water - or hand sanitiser.
- Avoid touching surfaces or your face.
- Avoid games with close contact or using paddling pools.



## After the party

- Disinfect any 'frequent touch' surfaces after your guests leave.
- All the dishes and cutlery should all be put in a dishwasher or a bowl of hot soapy water (and then rinsed in cold water) immediately after use.
- Use detergent or soapy water to regularly wipe down areas of the table and chairs where people will have put hands, fingers and elbows - then wash the cloth.