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UK COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR UK RETAILERS

REOPENING STORES AND KEEPING THEM OPEN DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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On 23 March 2020, the UK was placed in a police-enforced lockdown in a government effort to fight the spread of the Coronavirus (otherwise known as the COVID-19 pandemic). As part of the lockdown, all “non-essential” retail doors were closed. “Essential” retail doors that were permitted to remain open included the following:

- Supermarkets/other food shops
- Health shops
- Pharmacies/chemists
- Petrol stations
- Bicycle shops
- Hardware shops/car repair shops
- Veterinary surgeries/pet shops
- Corner shops/newsagents
- Off-licenses
- Laundrettes/dry cleaners
- Post offices
- Shopping centres containing essential units

For those retail doors that have remained open during the lockdown, and for those that are now preparing to engage in the process of reopening as the UK begins to ease out of the lockdown, we

set out in this alert some practical guidance and precautions. [Click here to read this article in its entirety.](#)

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