

# July 2020 Update



## REPLY FROM DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS, ENERGY & INDUSTRY STRATEGY

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We are working with businesses, trade associations and medical experts on the safest way to reopen close contact *services such as acupunctures*. Every step we take is being weighed against the evidence, remembering that the more we open up the more vigilant we will need to be. This is how we ensure the sacrifice of the British public during the lockdown is not wasted.

*We intend to allow close contact services businesses, such as acupunctures, to open as soon as it is safe to do so.* To support this endeavour the Government is establishing taskforces for sectors which must remain closed to establish how they can open in a COVID-19 secure way.

Businesses offering close contact services, may find the COVID-19 secure Close Contact Services Guidance useful to prepare for reopening. The guidance can be found here: [www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/close-contact-services](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/close-contact-services). Further business support can also be found here: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support).