Can our Mothers’ Union group meet at the moment?

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Across all the various government areas in Britain & Ireland, stricter measures have been introduced in response to the current situation relating to the Covid 19 virus, which require everyone to stay at home apart from essential purposes, so it is not possible for Mothers’ Union groups to meet in person at present.

Many local groups are taking the opportunity to meet using Zoom. Simple guides to using Zoom can be [found here](https://www.mothersunion.org/how-can-we-meet-autumn-2020)

It is also important to keep in touch by phone with each other – especially those members who don’t have access to computer, tablets or smart phones. Many members will have returned to shielding and may need to have additional support for essential shopping again.

Some voluntary activities in which Mothers’ Union members may be involved, such as the provision of Food Banks, may be able to continue under guidance.

Although the measures across Britain and Ireland are broadly the same, there are some local variations. For the guidance relating to where you live, please visit:

**England**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

**Northern Ireland**

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-guidance-what-restrictions-mean-you>

**Republic of Ireland**

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2dc71-level-5/>

**Scotland**

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/>

**Wales**

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>