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Boris Johnson has now changed the focus from staying at home to staying alert. What does this mean for landlords who need to create a COVID-safe environment? How does this look in practice? And who pays?

It will be a long time before the lockdown is fully lifted, but the government's ambition is for some shops to open in June and parts of the hospitality industry to open from July, at the earliest. Landlords will need to be prepared to deal with a variety of issues; not only continuing demands for rent deferrals and concessions, but also alterations to the premises and health and safety obligations.

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