

## **RSS statement on the relaxation of Covid lockdown rules in England**

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One of the four tests that the government set for proceeding with the [roadmap out of lockdown](#) is that ‘our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern’.

Government should be clear about how they are making that assessment and what information they are using – in the same way, that the basis for Tier decisions was made public last year.

While the India variant has led to many concerned headlines, stage three of the roadmap has gone ahead today, without the clarity from the government to help people understand the situation.

In our [Covid memo](#), the RSS has already urged government to publish evidence behind key decisions in a timely manner.

We call on the government to publish the framework for the decision and any evidence that fed into it as soon as possible, so people can be reassured that the data backs up the planned course of action.

You can see our full list of statistical lessons that government should learn from the first year of the pandemic at [rss.org.uk/covid-lessons-learned-memo/](https://rss.org.uk/covid-lessons-learned-memo/)

