Coronavirus – Victoria Bar closes temporarily

The owners of Victoria Bar on Leith Walk in Edinburgh have temporarily closed the premises from today.

One of their regular customers confirmed overnight that they have tested positive for Covid-19 following a recent holiday in Malta.

Edinburgh bar group Boda Bars – which owns and operates seven bars in the capital – stated that its Victoria Bar will be closed [until Friday 21](#) [August](#) and all staff who were on duty when the customer visited will self-quarantine for the next 14 days.

The customer visited the bar between 4.45pm and 6pm on Friday 14 August and did not visit any other establishments in the Leith area that evening.

Boda Bars co-owner Anna Lagervist Christopherson said: "We are grateful to our customer for informing us of his positive test result as soon as he received it and we immediately took the decision to close Victoria's in order to protect the welfare of our customers and employees.

"It is believed that he may have been infected during a recent holiday in Malta and only visited Victoria's for a soft drink [on Friday afternoon](#), before experiencing symptoms over the weekend. We wish him well during his recovery and want to ensure our customers and employees that thorough cleaning and sanitisation measures have been taken.

"We are now liaising with the NHS Test and Protect team for further guidance."