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England started its second covid lockdown on Thursday amid concerns of the virus pandemic's reemergence over September and October has resulted in soaring hospital admissions across the country. Nearly three days into the lockdown, on Sunday, anti-lockdown protesters flooded the streets in several cities, denouncing the latest round of restrictions.

In early October, Prime Minister Boris Johnson introduced a three-tier system that would restrict travel among residents in virus hot spot regions. Then, on Oct. 31, Johnson [announced](#) the second lockdown would begin on Thursday.

The new measures have been introduced to mitigate the second wave of the virus pandemic, leading to record daily caseloads in the country. People are now confined to their homes for a month except for essential travel. All non-essential businesses have been closed, along with pubs and restaurants.

Three days into the new restrictions, anti-lockdown protesters rallied in Liverpool and Manchester on Sunday, creating a stir as they scuffled with police.

A video published by the Ruptly video agency shows thousands of demonstrators marching across Liverpool, [defying a ban on rallies](#) as they chanted "Shame on you!" and "Choose your side!"

Anti-lockdown protesters were also spotted in Manchester. Again, the turnout appears to be in the thousands.

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One protester held a sign that read, "Covid1984 – survival rate 99.997% – you can shove the new world order up your arse! cause we are the 99%."



Huge crowds in Manchester despite restrictions banning rallies.



Many people were spotted without masks.

[#Riseupmanchester](https://twitter.com/c51kPUsR08) Well done for a great afternoon, peaceful walk through the city, spreading the anti lockdown message
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