**Lidl and Tesco Ireland announce dedicated shopping hours for elderly - March 17th**

A - [Lidl](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/lidl) and [Tesco](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/tesco-0) in [Ireland](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/Ireland) have announced .................... hours for the [elderly](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/elderly) .................... they can shop before other members of the general public.

The daily updates on the [coronavirus](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/coronavirus) pandemic have  .................... many individuals to panic-buy food and household supplies, .................... retailers discouraging them from doing so.

Stockpiling may  .................... vulnerable members of society, .................... the elderly, people with .................... and those with health conditions, from buying items they need.

With that in mind, several supermarkets have been introducing [shopping](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/shopping) hours specifically for the elderly, so they don’t have to .................... about products being sold .................... by the time they enter the store.

On Monday 16 March, Lidl Ireland shared a tweet .................... how it’s new dedicated shopping hour for the elderly will work.

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B- “We’ve been listening to your feedback and we will be .................... priority shopping hours for the elderly across all 163 Lidl stores in Ireland, 9-11 .................... every day, until further notice,” the [tweet](https://twitter.com/lidl_ireland/status/1239566348386271233?s=20) read.

Tesco Ireland has also followed suit, .................... that it is encouraging the elderly and their .................... to shop at its stores on specific days of the week.

“This is a time for help. And at Tesco, thousands of our .................... are working hard to help make sure that our communities have everything they need,” the company’s [statement](https://twitter.com/TescoIrl/status/1239644425275523073?s=20) read.

“........... Wednesday March 18th, we will introduce dedicated time-in-store for over 65s and family carers. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings up to 9am will now be a dedicated time for our .................... citizens and family carers to have more space and a helping hand where needed.”

Earlier this week, a branch of Iceland [supermarket](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/supermarket) [declared](https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/coronavirus-iceland-shop-belfast-elderly-hour-a9403791.html) it would be establishing an early hour for the elderly to shop.

The store, which is .................... at The Kennedy Centre in Belfast, .................... Ireland, stated that it is welcoming .................... to shop at the supermarket from 8am to 9am in the morning.

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