

COVID 19 Update – Thursday 10th September 2020

Further actions, including those detailed below, are also being taken to help suppress the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

- The limit on the number of people who can meet socially indoors or outdoors will be reduced from a maximum of eight people to six people, and they should come from no more than two households down from three previously. This applies in people's homes and gardens as well as in hospitality and public spaces such as parks.
- Face coverings will be mandated for customers and staff in indoor hospitality. There will be an exemption for when customers are eating and drinking. Staff in non-public facing roles, such as kitchen staff, will also be exempt where face coverings may present health and safety issues due to the nature of roles. Exemptions for vulnerable groups/individuals will also apply to hospitality settings. Regulations will take effect on Monday 14 September.
- The cautious approach to any further opening up of economic or social activity will continue and the route map changes that were previously given an indicative date of 14 September will now be assigned a new indicative date of 5 October.

The new App also launched today, the free Protect Scotland App from NHS Scotland's Test and Protect. This is now available to download at protect.scot and via the App Store and Google Play.

The free Protect Scotland App is the next step in stopping the spread of coronavirus and complements existing contact tracing measures, helping us to determine contacts that we may have otherwise missed, and allows us to alert people at risk far more quickly so they can take steps to reduce the risk of infecting others.

How the App Works

This app uses tried and tested technology developed by Apple and Google and is already working successfully in other countries across Europe. It works in the background using minimal data to protect you, your friends and your family. Will automatically alert you if you have been in close contact with another app user who has tested positive, and if you test positive the app can quickly alert those you have had close contact with. The app is private and anonymous and by downloading it we can all help protect ourselves, our families and Scotland against coronavirus.

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