

Coronavirus – further details announced to help us out of lockdown

At Holyrood this lunchtime the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, announced some more general and indicative dates for the next two phases on the way out of lockdown.

These Phase 2 and early Phase 3 measures are being announced now to help planning.

There are outline dates for relaxing travel restrictions, restarting the hospitality industry and, perhaps most importantly of all, the reopening of hairdressers.

Setting out these indicative dates, the First Minister stressed that while sustained progress has been made to suppress coronavirus, the changes remain contingent on scientific and public health advice.

Physical distancing of 2 metres continues to be required in Scotland. The First Minister confirmed that the Scientific Advisory Group is providing advice on higher transmission risk settings and physical distancing and that she will provide a further update on 2 July, ahead of the proposed dates for reopening hospitality.

Detailed guidance for each sector will be published ahead of indicative dates and the Scottish Government will join with the retail sector in a campaign to encourage the use of face coverings in all shops.

Indicative early Phase 3 dates announced today are intended to give businesses time to prepare for reopening while adhering to public health and physical distancing measures to protect workers and customers.

Final decisions on moving into Phase 3 will be taken in line with the statutory three weekly review cycle, due on 9 July 2020.

Indicative Phase 2 dates:

- 3 July – Travel distance limit for leisure will be lifted
- 3 July – Self-catering holiday accommodation will be permitted, providing it requires no shared facilities between households
- 6 July – Outdoor hospitality can commence subject to the Scientific Advisory Group review

Indicative Phase 3 dates:

- 10 July – People can meet in extended groups outdoors, with physical distancing
- 10 July – Households can meet indoors with up to a maximum of two households, with physical distancing
- 13 July – Organised outdoor contact sport can resume for children and young people, subject to guidance
- 13 July – All dental practices begin to see registered patients for non-aerosol routine care, and work will begin to return aerosol generating procedures to practice safely
- 13 July – Increasing capacity within community optometry practices for emergency and essential eye care
- 13 July – Non-essential shops inside shopping centres can reopen, subject to the Scientific Advisory Group review
- 15 July – All childcare providers can open subject to individual provider arrangements

- 15 July – All holiday accommodation will be permitted
- 15 July – Indoor hospitality can reopen, subject to the Scientific Advisory Group review
- 15 July – Hairdressers and barbers can reopen with enhanced hygiene measures
- 15 July – Museums, galleries, cinemas, monuments, libraries will reopen with physical distancing and other measures, such as ticketing in advance

Announcing the route map changes, Ms Sturgeon, said: “The sacrifices that have been made – and I know how hard and at times painful they have been – have suppressed the virus. They have also protected the NHS, and have undoubtedly saved a significant number of lives.

“They have also brought us to the position where we can now look ahead with a bit more clarity to our path out of lockdown, and I hope details announced today will provide people and businesses with more certainty in their forward planning.

“But let me be clear that each step on this path depends on us continuing to beat the virus back. That is why we must do everything in our power to avoid steps being reversed.

“The central point in all of this is the virus has not – and it will not – go away of its own accord. It will pose a real and significant threat to us for some time to come.

“Maintaining our progress also means all of us abiding by public health guidance. Wearing face coverings in enclosed spaces, avoiding crowded places, washing our hands and cleaning surfaces regularly, maintaining physical distancing, agreeing to immediately self-isolate and get a test if we have symptoms – all of these basic protections matter now more than ever as we all get out and about a bit more.”



Nicola Sturgeon MSP First Minister today during Covid-19 social distancing First Ministers Questions at the Scottish Parliament Holyrood Edinburgh. Wednesday 24 June 2020. Poolphoto/Fraser Bremner/Scottish Daily Mail Picture FRASER BREMNER

Previously announced Phase 2 measures commencing next Monday:

- Indoor (non-office) workplaces resume once relevant guidance is implemented. This includes: factories, warehouses, labs and research facilities. But excludes: indoor workplaces due to open in Phase 3 (e.g. nonessential offices and call-centres)
- Street-access retail can re-open once guidance is implemented. Interiors of shopping centres/malls remain closed for non-essential shops until Phase 3
- Outdoor markets can re-open once guidance is implemented

- Relaxation on restrictions on housing moves
- Outdoor sports courts can re-open
- Playgrounds can re-open
- Registration offices open for high priority tasks
- Marriages and civil partnerships allowed with minimal attendees, strictly outdoors only
- Zoos and garden attractions can open for local access only (broadly within 5 miles) until 3 July

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Guide to re-opening and scaling up over the rest of Phase 2 and early Phase 3. Indicative dates: confirmation subject to relevant evidence reviews and phase criteria being met. Not all detail is shown below. Please refer to any relevant guidance.

Monday 29 June	Phase 2 - Indicative Dates	Phase 3 - Indicative Dates	Phase 3 - Advice on dates at 9 July Review (unlikely to be before 23 July)
Indoor (non-office) workplaces resume once relevant guidance is implemented. <i>Includes:</i> factories, warehouses, labs and research facilities. <i>Excludes:</i> indoor workplaces due to open in Phase 3 (e.g. non-essential offices and call-centres).	Travel distance restriction relaxed - 3 July	People can meet in extended groups outdoors (with physical distancing) - 10 July	Non-essential offices and call centres can re-open following implementation of relevant guidance (including on physical distancing). Working from home and working flexibly remain the default
Street-access retail can re-open once guidance is implemented. Interiors of shopping centres/malls remain closed for non-essential shops until Phase 3.	Self-catering accommodation and second homes (without shared facilities) permitted - 3 July	Households can meet indoors with up to a maximum of two other households (with physical distancing) - 10 July	Universities and colleges - phased return with blended model of remote learning and limited on campus learning where a priority. Public health measures (including physical distancing) in place.
Outdoor markets can re-open once guidance is implemented.	Outdoor hospitality (subject to physical distancing rules and public health advice) - 6 July	Organised outdoor contact sports can resume for children and young people (subject to guidance) - 13 July	Places of worship can re-open for congregational services, communal prayer and contemplation with physical distancing and limited numbers.
Relaxation on restrictions on housing moves.		All dental practices begin to see registered patients for non-aerosol routine care. Work will begin to return aerosol generating procedures to practice safely - 13 July	Easing of restrictions on attendance at funerals, marriages, civil partnerships, with physical distancing (limited numbers).
Outdoor sports courts can re-open.		Increasing capacity within community optometry practices for emergency and essential eye care - 13 July	Following will be subject to further public health advice:
Playgrounds can re-open.		Non-essential shops inside shopping centres can re-open (following guidance and with physical distancing) - 13 July	Live events (outdoors) - with physical distancing and restricted numbers.
Registration offices open for high priority tasks.		All holiday accommodation permitted (following relevant guidance) - 15 July	Live events (indoors) - with physical distancing and restricted numbers.
Marriages & civil partnerships allowed with minimal attendees - outdoors only.		Indoor hospitality (subject to physical distancing rules and public health advice) - 15 July	Indoor gyms - with physical distancing.
Zoos and garden attractions can open for local access only (broadly within 5 miles) in this phase.		Hairdressers and barbers - with enhanced hygiene measures - 15 July	Other personal retail services - with enhanced hygiene measures.
		Museums, galleries, cinemas, monuments, libraries - with physical distancing and other measures (e.g. ticketing in advance) - 15 July	Other indoor entertainment venues (e.g. nightclubs, bingo, theatres, music venues).
		All childcare providers can open subject to individual provider arrangements - 15 July	

Public services continue to scale up and re-open safely

Schools: 11 August: Schools should be preparing for children to be able to return to school full time in August (conditional upon ongoing scientific and health advice). This date may fall in Phase 3 or Phase 4, depending on broader progress. The blended model of schooling remains a contingency plan.

Shielding: The changes set out here do not apply to people who have been advised to shield. Their advice is to continue to shield until 31 July, although outdoor exercise and meeting people from another household in groups of up to 8 people is allowed, provided people follow strict physical distancing. We will continue to review the evidence leading up to 31 July and will continue to refine the advice as and when clinicians recommend it. By 31 July we will have put in place a new approach to shielding that will support people to make more individual decisions based on an understanding of their own risk profile and what matters to them, rather than blanket advice for the whole population.