

Coronavirus – today's figures

The latest figures detailing the number of people diagnosed with Covid-19 in the last 24 hours in Scotland have been announced by the First Minister at her first Daily Briefing of 2021 from St Andrew's House.

Parliament was recalled on Monday, when the First Minister made a statement to MSPs following a morning meeting of the Scottish Cabinet. Ms Sturgeon announced a new national lockdown making it illegal for anyone to leave their home without a good reason. #StayAtHome is the new clear message.

The new rules also mean that only two people from different

households may meet outdoors. Children under 12 are not included in that calculation.

The basic figures in Scotland as at 5 January 2021 are shown below with updates of newly released numbers to cover the holiday period.

The First Minister said this is a more serious situation now than at any time since Spring 2020. Cases are rising more steeply and rapidly, and she is concerned about pressure on the NHS. The difference now is that vaccines have been approved allowing a way out of the pandemic. Over 100,000 people have now been vaccinated in Scotland and Ms Sturgeon says that she expects 2.5 million people to be vaccinated by early May which would include everyone over 50 and those under 50 with underlying health risks. This would meet the priority list set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation.

As at 5 January 4,633 deaths have been recorded of people who have tested positive. According to the National Records of Scotland figures 6,298 deaths were registered in Scotland where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate – up to 20 December 2020.

You can also see the latest numbers laid out visually on the Travelling Tabby website [here](#). It is updated at 3pm daily.



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To minimise the risk of spreading the virus, you must stay at home as much as possible. By law, in a level 4 area, you can only leave your home (or garden) for an essential purpose.

There is a list of examples of reasonable excuses below. Although you can leave home for these purposes, you should stay as close to home as possible. Shop on-line or use local shops and services wherever you can. Travel no further than you need to reach to a safe, non-crowded place to exercise in a socially distanced way. To minimise the risk of spread of Coronavirus it is crucial that we all avoid unnecessary travel.

Examples of reasonable excuses to go out:

for work or an activity associated with seeking employment, or to provide voluntary or charitable services, but only where that cannot be done from your home.

for education including, school, college, university or other essential purposes connected with a course of study.

for essential shopping, including essential shopping for a vulnerable person. You should use online shopping or shops and other services in your immediate area wherever you can.

to obtain or deposit money, where it is not possible to do so from home.

for healthcare, including COVID-19 testing and vaccination.

for childcare or support services for parents or expectant parents.

for essential services, including services of a charitable or voluntary nature such as food banks, alcohol or drug support services.

to access public services where it is not possible to do so, including from home:

services provided to victims (such as victims of crime),

social-care services,

accessing day care centres,

services provided by the Department for Work and Pensions,

services provided to victims (including victims of crime),

asylum and immigration services and interviews,

waste or recycling services,

to provide care, assistance, support to or respite for a vulnerable person

to provide or receive emergency assistance.

to participate in or facilitate shared parenting.

to visit a person in an extended household.

to meet a legal obligation including satisfying bail conditions, to participate in legal proceedings, to comply with a court mandate in terms of sentence imposed or to register a birth.

for attendance at court including a remote jury centre, an inquiry, a children's hearing, tribunal proceedings or to resolve a dispute via Alternative Dispute Resolution.

for essential animal welfare reasons, such as exercising or feeding a horse or going to a vet.

local outdoor recreation, sport or exercise, walking, cycling, golf, or running that starts and finishes at the same place (which can be up to 5 miles from the boundary of your local authority area) as long as you abide by the rules on meeting other households

to attend a marriage ceremony or registration of a civil partnership.

to attend a funeral or for compassionate reasons which relate to the end of a person's life. This includes gatherings related to the scattering or interring of ashes, a stone setting ceremony and other similar commemorative events.

if you are a minister of religion or worship leader, for the purposes of leading an act of worship (broadcast or online), conducting a marriage or civil partnership ceremony or a funeral.

to donate blood.

for activities in connection with moving home (including viewing a property), or for activities in connection with the maintenance, purchase, sale, letting, or rental of residential property that the person owns or is otherwise responsible for. Travelling for the purposes of undertaking essential work on a property other than your main residence should not be used as a pretext for a holiday. You should not stay longer than for

the length of time required to undertake the necessary work.
to avoid injury, illness or to escape a risk of harm.
for those involved in professional sports, for training,
coaching or competing in an event.
to visit a person receiving treatment in a hospital, staying
in a hospice or care home, or to accompany a person to a
medical appointment.
to register or vote in a Scottish or UK Parliament, Local
Government or overseas election or by-election, including on
behalf of someone else by proxy
to visit a person detained in prison, young offenders
institute, remand centre, secure accommodation or other place
of detention.
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Outdoors"]

You can only meet people from another household outdoors and
in indoor public spaces for certain reasons, such as for work,
to join your extended household, for sport, exercise, social
interaction or to provide care and support for a vulnerable
person. This can include providing emotional support for
someone whose wellbeing is at risk, including for those who
are isolated because of disability or a caring situation. Read
Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice for unpaid carers

Up to 2 people from 2 separate households can meet outdoors
for sport, exercise or social interaction.

Children under the age of 12 from these households do not
count towards the total number of people permitted to gather
outdoors.

Children under 12 do not need to maintain physical distance
from others indoors or outdoors.

The members of an individual or extended household can meet
outdoors for sport, exercise or social interaction.

Those at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus
(including those who had been shielding, people 70 and over,

people who are pregnant and people with an underlying medical condition) should strictly follow the physical distancing guidance.

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