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Updated Scottish Guidelines (including Financial Support)

Important update on new regulations – October 28th 2020

This Scottish Framework has now been released and sets out the strategic approach to suppress the virus to the lowest possible level and keep it there, while striving to return to a more normal life for as many people as possible. To view, click on the link below:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/covid-19-scotlands-strategic-framework/>

We have been engaging with the Scottish Government since the publication of the Strategic Framework on Friday, presenting a detailed counterproposal to Officials. It appears that there has been some movement on levels (below) from what was published, however it still falls far short of what we've asked for the hospitality industry.

Hospitality protections

Hospitality Measures (socialising rules apply)	Level 0 (Baseline)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Hospitality (restaurants, cafes, bars, public houses) – indoors	Licensing times apply	2130 Last Entry 2230 Closed	Alcohol only with main meal 1900 Last Entry 2000 Closed	No alcohol 1700 Last Entry 1800 Closed	Closed
Hospitality (restaurants, cafes, bars, public houses) – outdoors	Licensing times apply	2130 Last Entry 2230 Closed	2130 Last Entry 2230 Closed	No alcohol 1700 Last Entry 1800 Closed	Closed

Notes:

- Eating and drinking while seated at tables is required at all levels
- Takeaways permitted for alcohol and food at all levels, as per existing arrangements
- A range of exceptions (for example, for hospitals, schools, student accommodation, airside premises, and hotel room service) apply at all levels

The Scottish Parliament is currently debating the issue in Holyrood and will be subject to a vote this evening. The plans are expected to pass resoundingly.

We are expecting further conversations the Scottish Government over the course of this week and will update on any changes.

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Scotland-wide:

- Hospitality restrictions from Friday 9th October (6pm) to Monday 2nd November.
- Pubs, bars restaurants and cafés will still be able to operate indoors on a “very restricted basis”: they can only open during the day from 6am-6pm for service of food and non-alcoholic drinks only. Hotel restaurants able to operate beyond this but only for residents and not for alcohol.
- Bars pubs restaurants can continue to serve alcohol outdoors, until 10pm, subject to 6/2 group size rules. Some exceptions for weddings and funerals.
- Limits on 6 people from two households in public places still apply

Stronger Central Belt Measures (includes Edinburgh and Glasgow):

- The following health board regions will face heavier hospitality restrictions: Glasgow and Clyde, Lanarkshire, Ayrshire, Lothian and Forth Valley
Local Authorities:
 - Ayrshire & Arran Health Board = East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire & South Ayrshire
 - Forth Valley HB = Clackmannanshire, Falkirk & Stirling
 - Greater Glasgow HB = Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire & Inverclyde
 - Lanarkshire HB = North Lanarkshire & Lanarkshire
 - Lothian HB = City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, West Lothian & Midlothian
- All licensed premises are required to close, both indoors and outdoors, although takeaways will be allowed to stay open. Hotels allowed to stay open for residents. Cafes that do not serve alcohol can stay open until 6pm.
- Other indoor leisure and hospitality venues, including casinos, to close for 3 weeks from 10 October.
- Gyms remain open, outdoor live events not permitted for two weeks, except from professional sport.
- Public to avoid public transport where necessary.

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Financial Support

Cash Grants

- Grants of up to £3000 for bars, restaurants and other businesses required to close by regulations.
- £2,000 for those with RVs up to £51,000.
- £3,000 for those with RVs over £51,001.
- Grants to be distributed by Local Authority.
- Grants to cover 16-day closure period.
- Should be distributable in around one week.

Applications for the 16-day restriction support are now open. This provides grants of £3,000 or £2,000 for premises forced to close in the central belt. It also allows businesses not closed but impacted by restrictions to apply for a grant of up to £1,500. Information is available [here](#) but applications should be made to the relevant local authority.

Employment Support

- £9 million fund to help with costs of re-furloughing staff.
- Support with 20% contribution required.
- Exact details still to be confirmed.

Discretionary / Hardship Fund

- Grants of up to £1,500 for businesses which can remain open but directly impacted.
- Includes supply chain members.
- Exact details still to be confirmed.

Other

- Extending scope of mandatory face coverings in indoor venues, including corridors
- Shops to return to 2m distancing and one-way systems

The Scottish Government also published this [evidence paper](#), with paragraphs 34-40 covering hospitality.

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Mandatory face coverings for customers and staff

It is also mandatory for all staff to wear face coverings. Customers will also be mandated to wear face coverings when moving around premises (entering, exiting, using facilities etc.) but not whilst sat down. There are exemptions for weddings, funerals etc., with the limit for those remaining at 20.

Launch of Protect Scotland App

Scottish Government has also launched 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 collection of customer details (track and trace) would be put on a statutory footing from the 14th of August. This means that rather than being expected to collect details, pubs and other hospitality outlets will be LEGALLY required to do so.

The updated guidance has also been published and should be implemented in all premises in Scotland.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-tourism-and-hospitality-sector-guidance/pages/hospitality-statutory-guidance/>

The regulations mandating that all hospitality venues collect customer contact details has now been published and came into force from Friday 14th August.

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2020/241/pdfs/ssi_20200241_en.pdf

The regulations mean that all *restaurants, cafes, bars, public houses and hotels* must take measures to:

- a) obtain and record visitor information,

This means:

- The name and telephone number of one member of each household visiting the premises
- The date of their visit and arrival time together
- A note of the number of any members of that person's household visiting the premises at the same time

- b) record visitor information in a filing system suitable for recording, storing and retrieving such information,

- c) retain visitor information for a period of at least 21 days from the date on which the visit occurred.

There is also a requirement to *provide visitor information to a public health officer, as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event within 24 hours, if so requested by the public health officer.*

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Collection of Personal Data – Privacy Notice ([Click Here](#))

Useful Links:

[Statutory guidance](#) for hospitality

[Guidance on collection of customer/visitor contact details](#)

[Customer guidance](#)

[Scottish Government news release](#)

[Customer Contact regulations](#)

The new Hospitality tool kit published by the Scottish Government which include useful materials and assets.

<https://www.admiraltaverns.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/20-21-Coronavirus-Hospitality-Stakeholder-toolkit-1408201.pdf>

The licensing advisor, Stephen McGowan from TLT, summarises the issue here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/status-scottish-government-hospitality-guidance-stephen-j-mcgowan/>

Useful Poster (click on image below)

