

Communication from Deafblind Scotland during the COVID-19 Pandemic

20 April 2021

Good news that currently the number of people getting ill and dying from COVID-19 are significantly reducing. The virus is still around, but we are encouraged that the number of cases is getting smaller.

The First Minister has announced the next steps for easing the lockdown in Scotland.

Mon 26 April

The whole of mainland Scotland who are currently in Level 4 restrictions will move down to Level 3.

Those who have been shielding can return to work or school.

Up to six people from two households can socialise indoors in a public place such as a café or restaurant.

Travel will be allowed across Scotland, England and Wales (subject to local restrictions).

International travel for nonessential purposes is not allowed.

All shops, stores and close contact services like nail bars can open.

Hospitality venues like cafes, pubs and restaurants can open until 8pm indoors, with social distancing. Alcohol can only be served outdoors.

Tourist accommodation can reopen.

Funerals and weddings including receptions can take place with up to 50 people.

Gyms and swimming pools can reopen for individual exercise.

Indoor attractions and public buildings such as galleries, museums and libraries can open.

Informal childcare can resume.

Monday 17 May Scotland hopes to move to Level 2, with people allowed to meet in homes.

COVID Testing – home testing kits will be available to anyone in Scotland. You can order these online to be posted to your home, or you can collect it from local testing sites.

When visiting Island communities, it is recommended that you take 2 covid tests. The first one should be 3 days before you travel, and the second test on the day you travel.

More information will be available soon from the Scottish Government, and we will include the testing procedures in our next briefing.

Monday 7 June all of Scotland hopes to move to Level 1.

Late June all of Scotland hopes to move to Level 0.

In July all of Scotland hopes to be able to live life in a way that is much closer to normal life.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccination programme visit

www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccine

The Covid Vaccination Helpline is also available **0800 030 8013**

Remember that Deafblind Scotland is still here to help, please continue to contact us for information and support.

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