

## **Communication from Deafblind Scotland during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

22 June 2021

The virus is still with us, but thankfully the vaccines are protecting more of us. However, there will still be a delay to the lifting of restrictions and no areas of Scotland will move levels next week.

There are some small changes from Monday 28 June for weddings and funerals, including staff serving at a wedding no longer to be included in the maximum numbers, live entertainment will be allowed but no dancing, and at funerals members from more than one household are allowed to carry a coffin.

The next review date will be **19 July 2021**.

At that time, it is hoped the following restrictions will lift:

- All parts of Scotland hope to move to level 0 on 19 July.
- Limits for household gatherings indoors will increase.

- Up to 200 people will be able to attend weddings and funerals.
- Indoor physical distancing will reduce to 1 meter.
- Outdoor physical distancing may be removed.
- By 18 July, all adults will have had their first dose of vaccine.
- Second doses of the vaccine for all adults should be completed by 12 September.

We need to continue to suppress the virus and it is hoped that on 9 August life should feel much less restricted for all of us.

There is also a possibility of adult booster vaccines in the Autumn, and vaccines for younger children aged 12 to 17.

**The First Minister encourages everyone to:**  
Get the vaccine when you are offered it and get the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

Get tested regularly, tests can be ordered online or at community pharmacies.

If you test positive make sure that you self-isolate and book a PCR test.

To order the correct test visit:

[www.nhsinform.scot/self-help-guides/self-help-guide-access-to-testing-for-coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/self-help-guides/self-help-guide-access-to-testing-for-coronavirus)

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

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