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COVID-19 Briefing Note

CECA Scotland Member Briefing:

COVID-19 - CECA SCOTLAND UPDATE

COVID-19 “Second Wave”

In response to evidence that the UK may be facing a Coronavirus second wave, new measures are being introduced across the four nations of the UK to suppress the virus.

Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, announced measures affecting England today, including a reversal of his previous call on workers to return to offices. He warned the measures, which include restrictions on indoor sports, homeworking and curfews for pubs, could stay in place for six months. You can read his statement to Parliament [here](#).

First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, announced similar but tougher measures aimed at [driving down the infection rate](#).

The changes are as follows:

Inside people’s homes (from Wednesday 23 2020)

- Do not meet people from any other households in your home or another person’s home socially, unless they are in your extended household
- These rules also apply to children
- Children whose parents do not live in the same household can move between homes, as can non-cohabiting couples
- Very limited exemptions apply for childcare, and for tradespeople

Private gardens or public outdoors spaces (from Wednesday 23 September 2020)

- A maximum of six people from two households can meet in outdoor spaces
- You should limit as far as possible the total number of households you meet in a day

- Under-12s do not count towards the maximum number of households or number of people who can meet outdoors. Under-12s do not have to physically distance
- A maximum of six 12 to 17 year olds can meet in outdoor spaces, with no household limit. Physical distancing is still required

Indoors in public spaces (from Wednesday September 23 2020)

- A maximum of six people from two households can meet in public indoor spaces such as cafes, pubs and restaurants
- Children under 12 from those two households do not count towards the limits

Hospitality (from Friday 25 September 2020)

- Pubs, restaurants, and all hospitality settings will be required to close at 10pm

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- Table service will continue to be required in all hospitality premises

Working

- You must continue to work from home where practicable

Car sharing

- You should only car share with members of your own, or extended, household, and follow guidance when there is no alternative

These restrictions will be reviewed within three weeks and further guidance will be made available where necessary. It was also confirmed that the route map changes with an indicative date of 5 October are unlikely now to go ahead on that timescale. Further changes are possible to bring the "R" rate back down below 1, including a two-week circuit breaker option being an option for the October school holidays.

The Scottish Government has not made any decision at this stage to implement such a policy - however, it is being actively kept under review with the First Minister stating, "Please think of the October break as an opportunity to further limit social interaction, particularly indoors. And, given that this is a global pandemic, please do not book travel overseas for the October break if it is not essential".

You can read Nicola Sturgeon's statement in full [here](#). If you have any concerns about how any of these changes may impact on your business, please email grahame@cecascotland.co.uk and will pursue with the Scottish Government.

COVID-19: What You Can & Cannot Do (Updated 22.9.20)

The Scottish Government have updated guidance on what you can and cannot do, including information on seeing friends, family, and travel. Read the guidance [here](#).

Phase 3: Staying Safe and Protecting Others

Rules on staying safe and protecting others to help suppress coronavirus (COVID-19) were updated on 22nd September to reflect changes announced by the First Minister. Read more [here](#).

You can access the Scottish Government's latest COVID-19 Construction Sector guidance [here](#)

Visit CECA Scotland's COVID-19 Information Hub [here](#)

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