

Level 0

Worship (in places of worship including grounds under jurisdiction of Kirk Session)

- Worship allowed up to a maximum of 50 people (including minister, stewards, musicians, and children), or a smaller number if physical distancing in building dictates.

Funerals & Weddings

- 50 person limit for both funerals and weddings
- Post-funeral gatherings and wedding receptions for up to 50 permitted

Outdoor live events (including outdoor worship)

- Outdoor events permitted in line with relevant guidance
- Drive in events are permitted

Singing

- Congregational singing should not be a part of a worship service (indoors or outdoors) with the exception of a solo singer where essential to the act of worship as per worship section of 'Reshaping Church Life' Guidance.

Pastoral Care

- Pastoral Care Visits may take place in people's homes, churches or manses in line with 'Reshaping Church Life' Guidance.

Support Services

- Counselling, mutual aid groups, support groups, weight loss groups which are peer or professionally led can take place.

Church Offices & Workplaces

- Church Offices are permitted to open however working from home is still advised and should be the default position wherever possible. Offices should only open for tasks that cannot be completed by working from home.

Hospitality

- Church Cafés (Regulated) – On premises consumption and takeaway permitted but time restrictions may apply
- Informal Hospitality (Teas and coffees after services or during groups) is not permitted.

Socialising

- 8/3 indoors (in-home socialising permitted) i.e. max 8 people from 3 households
- 15/5 outdoors

Face Coverings

- Face coverings must be worn by all within a place of worship with relevant exemptions in place. For current exemptions visit <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-staying-safe-and-protecting-others/pages/face-coverings/>

Travel & Transport

- No non-essential travel to or from level 3 or 4 areas in Scotland and equivalent areas in rest of UK, but exemptions apply for travel for work, education, shopping, health etc; outdoor exercise; weddings and funerals; and transit through restricted areas.
- Avoid car sharing with people outside extended household wherever possible.
- No 'lifts to church' or transport to appointment schemes should be in operation

Schools (& school chaplaincy)

- Schools open, but school chaplains must follow direction of Local Authority guidance on place of visitors and school chaplaincy.

Youthwork

- Sunday Schools and Bible Classes are permitted to run under youthwork guidance with limits on numbers.
- Formal youth work as defined in the 'Reshaping Church Life' Guidance (including Uniformed Organisations) can take place with limits on numbers.

Early learning and childcare (ELC) (formal childcare)

- Church nurseries, after school clubs, breakfast clubs (if regulated by Care Commission) can open with standard protective measures in place.

Unregulated Children's Activities

- Youth clubs, carer and toddler groups and similar can take place

Sport & Exercise Classes

- Indoor and Outdoor classes for all ages are permitted to take place

Entertainment

- Church run entertainment (cinema etc) can take place up to physically distanced safe numbers.

Visitor Attractions

- Churches which have, or are, visitor attractions can open