

Level 3

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

- 20 person limit for both funerals and weddings
- Post-funeral gatherings and wedding receptions for up to 20 permitted

Outdoor live events (including outdoor worship)

- Outdoor events are NOT permitted
- Drive in events are NOT 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 should only take place where they are deemed to be essential and if possible should be moved online. Extreme care should be taken if a visit is to take place in people's homes, churches or manses and all relevant health guidance should be followed in line with 'Reshaping Church Life' Guidance. If visiting a person's home no other household can be present

Support Services

- Counselling, mutual aid groups, support groups, weight loss groups which are peer or professionally led can take place but should be online wherever possible.

Church Offices & Workplaces

- Church Offices are NOT permitted to open and working from home should be the default position.

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

- no in-home socialising
- 6/2 outdoors and in public places, e.g. hospitality settings i.e. max 6 people from 2 households

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 into or out of the level 3 area, 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.
- Avoid non-essential use of public transport
- No 'lifts to church' or transport to appointment schemes should be in operation

Schools (& school chaplaincy)

- Schools open with enhanced protective measures, but school chaplains must follow 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 enhanced protective measures in place.

Unregulated Children's Activities

- Youth clubs, carer and toddler groups and similar can take place however differentiated restrictions are in place and should be checked before activity next meets at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-organised-activities-for-children/>

Sport & Exercise Classes

- Indoor classes for under 18's only.
- Outdoors classes for all ages are permitted to take place with the exception of no outdoor contact sports for those 18 or over (with the exception of professional sport).

Visitor Attractions

- Churches which have, or are, visitor attractions may be able to open subject to government guidance