



Beyond Level 0 Guidance

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Introduction

1. To ensure that it is safe to progress 'Beyond Level 0', guidance is being linked to the 'Gateway condition'. This relates to the amount of vaccine coverage to the Scottish Government's new strategic intent to 'suppress the virus at a level consistent with alleviating its harms'.
2. Most legal restrictions relating to Covid-19 will be lifted on the 9th August 2021 when Scotland moves to 'Beyond Level 0'. This includes restrictions on physical distancing and the size of social gatherings. Additionally, no businesses will have to legally remain closed.
3. **[NEW]** However, as of 17th December 2021, businesses and service providers are now legally required to take reasonably practical measures to minimise spread of coronavirus on their premises, for example measures which limit close face-to-face interaction, such as supporting working from home, making adjustments to the premises and putting in place protective measures such as signage, screens and other mitigations.
4. **[NEW]** In determining these measures, consideration must be given to the Scottish Government guidance available at [Scottish Government: Safer Businesses and Workplaces](#).
5. Whilst these changes will signal the end of most restrictions for sport and physical activity it will not however signal the end of the epidemic. Covid-19 is a disease that will need to be managed for the foreseeable future and to maintain progress in returning to more normality, it is important that people continue to abide by a set of baseline measures covered by Scottish Government guidance and where relevant legislation. This includes:
 - Good hand hygiene and surface cleaning.
 - Continued promotion of good ventilation.
 - Requirement for face coverings in certain settings (e.g., public transport, retail).
 - Continued compliance with Test and Protect, including self-isolation when necessary.
 - Ongoing need for outbreak management capability, including active surveillance.
 - Continue to encourage a greater degree of working from home than pre-COVID-19. Where this is possible and appropriate, it will not only assist with controlling transmission of the virus, but also promote wellbeing more generally.



6. It is the responsibility of each club committee, sports facility operator and/or deliverer (herein referred to as the operator) to ensure that full risk assessments, processes and mitigating actions continue to be applied before any sport or leisure activity takes place and to check if the activity is in an area which is subject to additional Scottish Government localised measures and restrictions.
7. Where a local outbreak has been reported sport and physical activity operators, in all settings, should review their risk assessment and consider if additional mitigating actions should be put in place to reduce risk. This may, for example, include suspending activity, enhancing hygiene and physical distancing measures, or introducing additional activity restrictions.
8. Scottish Government may update or change Levels and restrictions at any time, including local areas subject to them. Therefore, COVID officers should regularly check [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Local Protection Levels](#).

Travel Restrictions

9. 'Beyond Level 0' no travel restrictions will be applicable, within or between areas in Scotland, which are not categorised under the protection level system. Please refer to the [Travel Guidance](#) section within Return to Sport for further information on where restrictions will apply should a local area move into protection levels.
10. Scottish Government are also continuing to monitor the UK wide and International Covid-19 position. Further information on restrictions applicable between Scotland and other parts of the UK and internationally is available on the Scottish Government website at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): travel and transport](#).

Health, Safety & Hygiene

11. High levels of personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette will remain essential as we move Beyond Level 0.
12. Operators should continue to follow Scottish Government guidance on health, safety and hygiene measures including face covering advice. Please refer to the [Health, Safety and Hygiene](#) section of the Return to Sport guidance for further information including relevant links.

Test & Protect

13. Contact tracing and testing of close contacts will continue as we move forward through the pandemic, including 'Beyond Level 0'. Test & Protect will change as the population becomes more protected by vaccination but will still play a role in mitigating clusters and outbreaks where they arise.



14. Operators should continue to maintain customer records and follow applicable guidance available in the Test & Protect section of Return to Sport guidance.

Competition & Events

15. Organised sporting competition and events can take place 'Beyond Level 0' but should continue to follow guidance outlined in the Sports Events & Competition section within Return to Sport guidance.
16. **[NEW]** At 'Beyond Level 0' there are no limits on spectator numbers, subject to organisers obtaining relevant permissions, where they normally would be required to do so. However, operators/ organisers should follow Scottish Government's Coronavirus (COVID-19): Certification Scheme - Information for Businesses and Event Organisers where attendance thresholds are met. A COVID vaccine certificate or a record of a recent negative COVID-19 test result (from either a Lateral Flow Device or PCR) is needed for:
 - indoor events (unseated) with 500 or more people
 - outdoor events (unseated) with 4,000 or more people
 - any event with 10,000 or more people
17. Other bodies depending on the type, location, and scale of the event, may include the landowner, Community Council, the transport police, or other body responsible for the safety of the public.
18. Where a competition/event requires a licence from a Local Authority under existing Civic Government legislation, this must include agreement from local Environmental Health Officers.

Hospitality

19. Sports facility operators providing catering or bar services should refer to Scottish Government guidance for applicable guidance including takeaway services. Coronavirus (COVID-19): tourism and hospitality sector guidance.

Retail

20. Retail units operated by sports facility operators should follow Scottish Government Retail Sector Guidance.



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