

Level 4

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. Baptisms are permitted as part of worship.

Funerals & Weddings

- 20 person limit for funerals. No Post-funeral gatherings permitted
- 20 person limit for weddings (which includes the couple, witnesses and guests). No wedding receptions are permitted to take place.

Live events (including outdoor worship) NB Indoor events DO NOT include Worship

- Outdoor or Indoor 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. If visiting a person's home no other household can be present

Support Services

- Only essential services are permitted to take place or be moved online. Essential would mean risk to life or mental health.

Meetings & Groups

- Church Meetings (Kirk Session, Presbytery etc), the Guild and recreational or social groups (WRI, Camera Club etc) are not permitted to meet

Church Offices & Workplaces

- Church Offices are NOT permitted to open and everyone should work from home

Hospitality

- Church Cafés (Regulated) must remain closed for consumption on premises but takeaway permitted
- Informal Hospitality (Teas and coffees after services or during groups) is not permitted.

Socialising

- No socialising in private dwellings. 4 people from up to 2 households can socialise in a public place e.g hospitality.
- 6 people from up to 6 households can socialise 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 into or out of the level 4 area, and limits of travel distance or a requirement to stay at home may be put in place 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 use of public transport
- No 'lifts to church' or transport to appointment schemes should be in operation

Schools (& school chaplaincy)

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

Youthwork

- Sunday Schools and Bible Classes NOT permitted to run indoors at this time.
- 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 but will be subject to targeted intervention which may impact on capacity.

Unregulated Children's Activities

- Youth clubs, carer and toddler groups and similar are not permitted to meet indoors.

Sport & Exercise Classes

- Indoor activities not permitted
- Outdoors classes for all (adults non-contact only) sports and group exercise are permitted up to a maximum of 15 people (under 12 no limits on group)

Visitor Attractions

- Churches which have, or are, visitor attractions should remain closed