

Scottish Government 'Phase 3' Lockdown Easing

As at 14th September 2020:

(note: any 'local lockdowns' supersede meeting guidance)

14 Sep: New meeting guidelines:
Indoors: 2 households, 6 people
Outdoors: 2 households, 6 people
Meet up to 4 other households each day.

15 July: Places of worship can open for communal worship services with limited numbers based on distancing (up to 50 max) and hygiene safeguards.
8 Aug: Face coverings MUST be worn.

15 July: Weddings & Funerals can take place with attendance of 20 people.
14 Sep: wakes and receptions possible in venues with same numbers.

For **Scottish Episcopal Churches** this can mean starting to gather for worship:

10/7: pastoral visiting in people's houses can re-start with distancing/hygiene.

15/7: churches can (but do not HAVE TO) re-open for distanced communal worship (no singing, max 50, face coverings) and weddings & funerals (max 20).

14/9: Vestry, meetings, social events cannot happen in person:
Govt meeting guidelines:
Indoors & Outdoors:
2 households, 6 people

Other Phase 3 Govt permitted users of premises (e.g. childcare) can restart activities with limits & agreement on cleaning.

All proposals to re-open church buildings and start services are a clergy/vestry decision.

The church's plans MUST be approved by the bishop.

The full SEC guidelines and a form for submitting plans are here (click below):

[GUIDANCE FOR PHASE 3 OF LOCKDOWN EASING](#)

or contact the Bishop via the Diocesan Office for more details.