

Core brief

Daily update

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- Local restrictions announced for Glasgow City, West Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire

First Minister announcement

The First Minister has announced local restrictions for Glasgow City, West Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire Council residents to take place from midnight tonight (1 September) for a period of two weeks. The full statement is set out below.

Today's announcement includes restrictions on visiting to hospitals and care homes with essential visiting being re-introduced from tomorrow.

The restrictions will only affect hospitals in the three council areas covered by the announcement. Hospital visiting at Inverclyde Royal Hospital and the Royal Alexandra Hospital will not be restricted although residents from the three affected areas will be asked to restrict their visits to loved ones in these hospitals to essential visiting only.

Restrictions introduced across West of Scotland

Indoor gatherings limited in Glasgow, East Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire.

Following an increase in the number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Glasgow, East Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire, additional restrictions will be introduced for people living in these areas for an initial two week period.

From midnight (Tuesday 1 September), the restrictions are as follows:

- people in the Glasgow, East Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire local authority areas should not meet with people from other households in indoor household settings, whether in these areas or elsewhere. Members of different households can continue to meet outdoors, including in gardens, and in hospitality settings, provided all existing guidance is followed
- if anyone living in these areas is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they and all those in their household group should self-isolate for 14 days
- indoor visits to hospitals and care homes will be limited to essential visits only to protect the most vulnerable. Outdoor visits to care homes are permitted by three people from a maximum of two households, in line with current guidance.

Those households who have formed an extended household and people providing care and support – for example caring for an elderly family member or delivering shopping - can continue to meet indoors with enhanced hygiene measures in place.

People living in Glasgow, East Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire who were previously shielding are asked to be particularly vigilant.

Schools and nurseries will remain open, and plans for the opening of colleges and universities remain in place.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said:

“The rise in new COVID-19 cases in all three of these local authority areas is of significant concern and these figures remind us all that the virus has not gone away. We are at a stage of this pandemic where we must all act with extreme caution.

“Following discussions with local public health officials and local authorities, it is necessary to ask people in Glasgow, West Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire to limit their contact with other households.

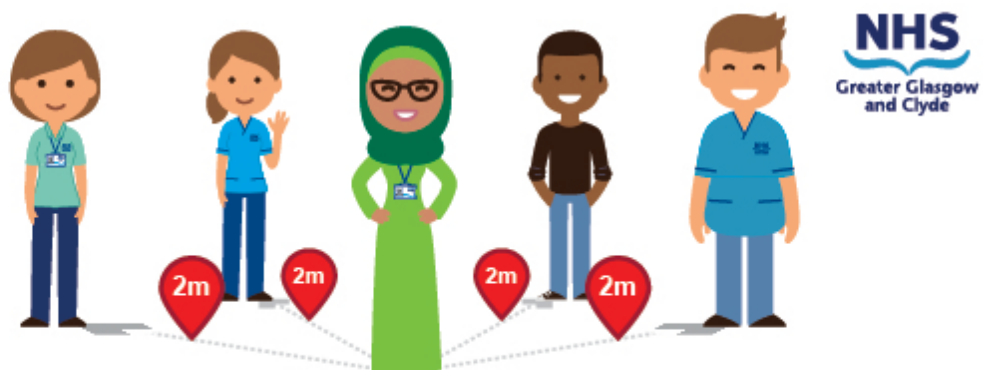
“People living in these areas should not meet with other households in indoor household settings for at least two weeks, except where they are providing essential care and support, or have formed an extended household. People can continue to meet other households outside and in other settings but I would ask everyone to be extra vigilant, to follow all guidance and to isolate and book a test if they have any symptoms.

“Above all, I want to emphasise that getting a test – and even getting a negative result – is not a substitute for self-isolating. If you have symptoms, or if you are contacted by our Test and Protect team and told to do so, you will need to self-isolate.

“I understand this will not be welcome news for people living in Glasgow, East Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire but it is necessary to help us limit the spread of COVID-19. Acting now gives us the time and the space to protect people and get more control over the virus.”

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