



Introduction

1. To ensure that it is safe to progress 'Beyond Level 0', guidance is being linked to the 'Gateway condition'. This relates 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. 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.
4. The information outlined below summarises the key areas which will change as we move 'Beyond Level 0' and should be read in conjunction with [Return to sport and physical activity guidance](#) to inform the development of sport specific information which will be shared with participants, clubs, local authorities/trusts, third sector and other sports facility operators.
5. 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.



6. 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.
7. 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

8. '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.
9. 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

10. High levels of personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette will remain essential as we move Beyond Level 0.
11. 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

12. 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.
13. Operators should continue to maintain customer records and follow applicable guidance available in the [Test & Protect](#) section of Return to Sport guidance.



Competition & Events

14. 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.
15. At present this includes a restriction on spectator numbers of up to 5000 outdoors and 2000 indoors unless an exemption is provided by the relevant Local Authority and permission obtained from other relevant bodies from which the organiser would normally require agreement to run the competition/event.
16. 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.
17. 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

18. 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

19. Retail units operated by sports facility operators should follow Scottish Government [Retail Sector Guidance.](#)

BEYOND LEVEL 0 GUIDANCE



Table A: Return to Sport Summary, 5 August 2021

		Beyond Level 0	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
OUTDOOR SPORT Organised outdoor sport, competition, events and Physical Activity (PA)	Overview	No field of play bubble restrictions apply beyond Level 0, although limits on participation numbers at competition and events are applicable. For Levels 0-4 outdoor sporting 'field of play bubbles' apply for organised sport as noted below. At Levels 0-2 figures exclude coaches and support staff*. Multiple bubbles can be used for training, events, and competition if appropriate guidance, set out within this document, is followed. Indoor and outdoor stadium, or equivalent events/competitions, involving spectators are subject to relevant Scottish Government guidance.					Local training / competition only. U12s: max 30 including coaches. Over 12s / adults: max 15 including coaches.
		No bubble restrictions Total Daily Limit: 5000 participants	Maximum bubble size: 500 participants* Total Daily Limit: 5000 participants	Maximum bubble size: 100 participants* Total Daily Limit: 1000 participants	Maximum bubble size: 50 participants* Total Daily Limit: 500 participants	Maximum bubble size: 30 participants Total Daily Limit: 200 participants	
	Children & Young people (u18 years)	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	U12s: Contact sport & PA permitted 12-17 years: Non-contact sport & PA permitted.
Adults (18+ years)	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Non-contact sport & PA permitted Contact sport & PA prohibited	
INDOOR SPORT Organised indoor sport, competition, events and Physical Activity (PA)	Overview	Organised indoor sport or physical activity should follow Scottish Government Covid-19: sport and leisure facilities and sport specific SGB Guidance . 'Group' activity refers to adults, who take part in organised sport or physical activity, where the number of participants is larger than allowed under normal household rules. 'Individual exercise' refers to organised sport or physical activity which takes place within household rules i.e. 1:1 coaching. For further information see definitions within this guidance.					
	Children & Young people (u18 years)	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Contact & non-contact sport & PA permitted	Indoor sport & PA prohibited. Leisure Centres, gyms and other indoor sports facilities closed.
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COACHING	General guidance is available within this document for coaches, leaders, personal trainers, deliverers, and instructors, herein referred to as coach/es . In addition, Getting Coaches Ready for Sport provides a 4-stage approach/checklist to further support coaches to plan and deliver safe sessions. The local protection Level in place for sport and physical activity will dictate what activity can be coached, indoors and outdoors and to whom in that area. Coaches can take multiple sessions per day, however the numbers allowed in each session will depend upon the protection Level in place.			
PERFORMANCE SPORT	Elite sports with Resumption of Performance Sport guidance in place and approved by Scottish Government or sportscotland is permitted at all Levels.			
TRAVEL	For further information please refer to Travel Guidance within this document.			
HOSPITALITY & RETAIL	Clubhouses and sports facilities which provide catering and bar services, can operate providing they adhere to Scottish Government guidance. Further information is available at Coronavirus (COVID-19): tourism and hospitality sector guidance . Retail units operated by sports facility operators may reopen provided all specific Scottish Government guidance for retailers is in place and adhered to. Further information from the Scottish Government is available at Retail Sector Guidance .			
TOILETS, CHANGING & SHOWER ROOMS	Where changing rooms and showering facilities are to be used specific guidance relating to use of 'Changing and Showers' is available at Getting Your Facilities Fit for Sport . This is applicable at all levels where facilities remain open.			
	Operators may open public toilets if they follow the guidelines outlined on the Scottish Government website Opening Public Toilets Guidelines			
INDOOR FACILITIES (can open up to Level 3)	Overview	Specific information relating to indoor sports facility guidance is available at Getting Your Facilities Fit for Sport . Below is a summary of overarching guidance for operators regarding occupancy limits, physical distancing, and appropriate ventilation / CO2 levels (ppm) which should be monitored. Test & Protect procedures should continue in all indoor settings.		
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WORKFORCE	Sports facility operators must ensure that Scottish Government guidance on workforce planning in sport & leisure facilities is followed for contractors and staff and ensure existing health and safety advice is maintained and aligned. This should be detailed in the risk assessment. Although gym and leisure facilities can open to Level 3, we would encourage providers to consider whether meetings and training must be completed in person or whether these can be completed online or via telephone. If it is essential that meetings and training takes place in person, Scottish Government guidance for general workplaces must be followed and a risk assessment should be completed.			



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