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BUSINESS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING GUIDANCE

Guidance for businesses in Scotland on physical distancing and closures due to the COVID-19 outbreak FROM THE Scottish Government.

“Physical distancing measures are for everyone, including business. We should all be trying to reduce social interaction between people in order to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives. When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection.

We recognise this is a very testing time for business in Scotland. We are grateful to the many companies that are being responsible by actively supporting homeworking and allowing staff the time off for isolation.

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we reduce the spread of the infection. The evidence now shows that transmission of COVID-19 is under control and the number of infectious cases is starting to decline, allowing a move to Phase 1 of the route map for moving out of lockdown.

That is why we have introduced the measures, described in more detail in guidance updated on 28 May 2020 Coronavirus (COVID-19): staying at home and away from others:

- requiring people to stay at home, except for very limited purposes (including travelling for work purposes, but only where they cannot work from home)
- closing certain business and venues (see section below on businesses and premises which must close)
- stopping most gatherings of more than two people in public

Every person in Scotland must continue to comply with the measures which were first announced on 23 March 2020. The measures were amended to require all businesses open during the emergency period to take all reasonable measures to ensure physical distancing takes place on their premises.

The relevant authorities, including the police, have been given the powers to enforce the measures – including through issuing fines and dispersing gatherings.

These measures are in force for 6 months in the first instance, unless revoked. These measures are reviewed at least every 21 days.”

For further details see: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-1-business-and-physical-distancing-guidance/>