Level 4

Worship (in places of worship including grounds under jurisdiction of Kirk Session)

• Worship allowed up to a maximum of 20 people (including minister, stewards, musicians, and children), or a smaller number if physical distancing in building dictates. Baptisms may take place within this reduced capacity.

Funerals & Weddings

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

Outdoor live events (including outdoor worship)

- Outdoor 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 section 7.6.5 of the guidance.

Pastoral Care

• Pastoral Care Visits should only take place where they are deemed to be essential and if possible should be moved online. Extreme care should be taken if a visit is to take place in people's homes, churches or manses and all relevant health guidance should be followed in line with guidance in section 7.6.4. If visiting in a person's home no other household should 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.

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 in-home socialising
- 6/2 outdoors and in public places, i.e. max 6 people from 2 households

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' 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 are permitted to run under youthwork guidance with limits on numbers.
- Formal youth work as defined in the guidance, section 7.6.13 (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 non-contact sports only are permitted (with the exception of professional sport).

Visitor Attractions

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

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