

# Scottish Government Shielding route map (for those at highest risk)

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**Hygiene helps:** No matter what our shielding advice is, it is important to regularly wash your hands and clean hard surfaces. Everyone should also cover their mouths to cough. This should either be into a tissue which you can dispose straightaway, otherwise into your bent elbow.

	Up to 10 July	From 17 July	From 24 July	Shielding paused
		Confirmed 16 July	Confirmed 23 July	From 1 August
<b>How to protect yourself and others</b>	Physically distance from people you live with	No need to physically distance from the people you live with	No need to physically distance from the people you live with	Strictly follow the physical distancing guidance in Scotland
	Face coverings if you can't physically distance	Face coverings should be worn if you cannot physically distance as well as where mandatory	Face coverings should be worn if you cannot physically distance as well as where mandatory (shops and public transport)	Face coverings should be worn if you cannot physically distance as well as where mandatory (shops and public transport)
<b>Seeing family and friends</b>	Meet outdoors with up to 8 people from only 1 other household	Meet outdoors with up to 8 people from 2 other households	Meet outdoors with up to <b>15 people</b> from <b>4 other households</b>	Guidance on meeting people same as wider population, but maintain <b>physical distancing</b>
		Use of indoor toilets if visiting people outdoors	<b>Meet indoors</b> with up to <b>8 people</b> from <b>2 other households</b>	
		Can form an extended household group <sup>1</sup>	Can form an extended household group <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Getting around</b>	Travel up to 5 miles for outdoor exercise	No limit on distance you can travel	No limit on distance you can travel	Travel guidance same as wider population
	Avoid public transport	Avoid public transport	Can use public transport wearing a face covering	
	Only go in a car with those you live with	Only go in a car with those you live with	Only go in a car with those you live with or are in your household group	Guidance on car travel the same as wider population

<sup>1</sup> An adult living alone, or living only with children under 18, can agree with another household to form an “extended household group”. This now applies to non-cohabiting couples too. This means you are treated as one household and do not need to maintain physical distancing.

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<b>Leisure, shopping, and eating out</b>	Avoid staying anywhere outside your own home	Can use <b>all holiday accommodation</b>	Can use all holiday accommodation	Holiday guidance same as wider population
	Avoid going inside any building other than your own home		Can go to <b>pubs and restaurants with outdoor spaces</b>	Can attend <b>indoor pubs and restaurants</b>
		Can go to <b>outdoor markets</b>	Can go into <b>indoor shops<sup>2</sup>, pharmacies and indoor markets</b> Can attend <b>hairdressers and barbers<sup>3</sup></b>	Retail and leisure guidance same as wider population
		Can visit <b>outdoor gardens</b>	Can visit <b>museums, galleries, libraries, cinemas</b>	Can attend <b>places of worship</b> for congregational services, communal prayer and contemplation
<b>Children and young people</b>	Since 30 June, some children and young people will receive letters explaining they no longer need to shield		Children who <b>live with someone shielding</b> can attend <b>formal childcare providers</b>	<b>Children who had been asked to shield</b> can return attend formal childcare providers All children can <b>return to school</b>
<b>Work and education</b>	Work from home, where possible	Work from home, where possible	Work from home, where possible	Can return to a <b>Covid safe workplace</b>
				Can return to universities and college in the phased return to campus

<sup>2</sup> This includes garden centres.

<sup>3</sup> Check with the company owner that they have put in place “enhanced hygiene measures”. They will know what this means.