# CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENT



#### 8 October 2020

#### Coronavirus - new Scottish temporary measures in place

As a council we provide essential services to the people of Glasgow and during this pandemic we have continued to deliver across key areas of the city. We have worked hard to keep our cleansing teams operating, our children educated and provide support to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

As you will be aware the Scottish Government announced **some additional measures** yesterday in the fight to help reduce the spread of coronavirus across the country.

You can read a copy of these measures at <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-additional-measures-october-2020/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-additional-measures-october-2020/</a>

The safety and wellbeing of our staff is paramount in the current environment. Whether you are currently coming into council premises to carry out your role or working from home, these new temporary changes will not affect how you travel to your workplace or how you carry out your day to day tasks.

Remember to follow our <u>physical distancing guidance</u> when in the workplace and keep in regular contact with your line manager should you need to self-isolate or develop symptoms.

#### Additional temporary measures

The additional temporary restrictions will **come into force at 6pm on Friday 9 October** and are intended to end on 25 October. They include national measures alongside stricter regional health board measures for five areas across the central belt – which includes Glasgow. They also include the introduction of mandatory face coverings in indoor communal settings – including workplace areas.

#### Workplace and face coverings

- The Scottish Government is introducing regulations over the next few weeks to mandate and expand the rule regarding the use of face coverings **for indoor communal areas**.
- This will include areas like our reception, staff café hubs, admin hubs and corridors in our workplaces.
- Face coverings are currently in use in key areas/roles across the council family where they have been identified as a Health and Safety requirement to carry out a specific task.
- Please be aware that the council will expect employees to comply with the regulations (subject to any
  medical exemptions) in the workplace and wear face coverings for normal workplace attendance. It will
  be your responsibility to make sure you have one to wear to enter and move around inside a council
  building, the same as you would to enter a shop or travel to work on public transport.
- We will update guidance around our premises to remind you to wear your face covering at all times when in a communal area or moving around the building.
- When we have more information on these Scottish Government regulations we will share this directly with you.

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For more information visit <a href="www.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/">www.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/</a>

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