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Covid-19 – face coverings and working from home

The First Minister introduced further restrictions and guidance on 7 October in relation to our fight against Covid-19 which come into effect from 6.00 p.m. on Friday 9 October.

From a work perspective, we are required to:

- wear a face covering in common areas in the workplace. We are already used to wearing face coverings in shops, restaurants and public areas and we are now required to wear these in public workplace areas such as entrance/exit halls, corridors, toilets, canteens, etc. Please ensure you wear a face covering in such areas and there will be a small supply available at main office receptions as a back-up if you forget your own mask.
- avoid public transport for non-essential purposes – you can continue to use public transport to travel to work as necessary.
- work from home where you can – if you can do your job from home you should continue to do this and avoid coming into the workplace unnecessarily. The more people who can do their job from home relieves pressure on public transport and reduces contact with others.

Additional travel restrictions for the central belt of Scotland were announced and we should remain in our own local area – we can of course travel outwith our local area to attend work as required.

You can view the full set of restrictions on the [Scottish Government website](#).

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