

Latest update during the COVID-19 health emergency #dundeewestend

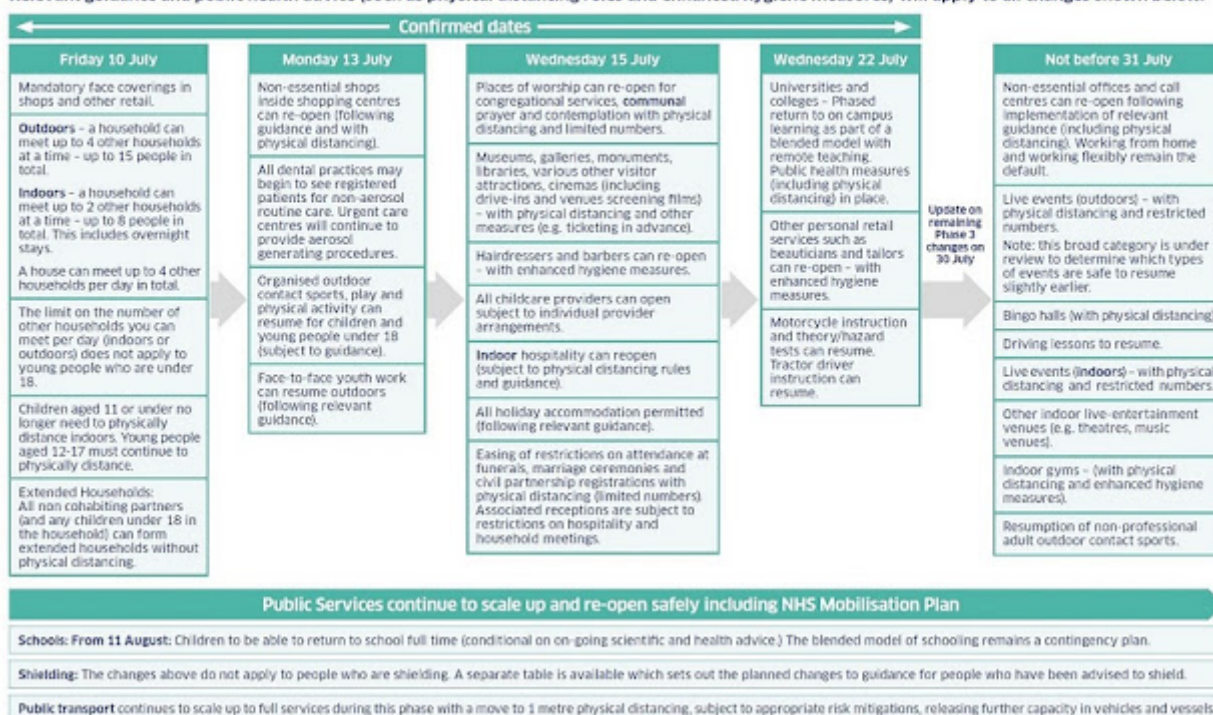
Further update – for Tuesday 14th July – from Councillor Fraser Macpherson (West End) and Councillor Craig Duncan (Broughty Ferry)

FURTHER EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

Following the Scottish Government's shift to Phase 3 – see also detail in the image below :

Guide to re-opening and scaling up over Phase 3. Not all details are shown. Please refer to guidance and Q&A for more details.

Relevant guidance and public health advice (such as physical distancing rules and enhanced hygiene measures) will apply to all changes shown below.



The 2-metre rule still applies except where specifically stated.

From now

Those shielding can end physical distancing with those they live with.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/next-steps-for-people-shielding/>

Mandatory face coverings in shops and other retail. This guidance includes exemptions for people with breathing difficulties etc. Shop workers are also required to wear a face covering with some exemptions.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-retail-sector-guidance/pages/workforce-planning/#facecoverings>

Outdoors – a household can meet up to 4 other households at a time – up to 15 people in total.

Indoors – a household can meet up to 2 other households at a time – up to 8 people in total. This includes overnight stays. A house can meet up to 4

other households per day in total.

The limit on the number of other households you can meet per day (indoors or outdoors) does not apply to young people who are under 18.

Children aged 11 or under no longer need to physically distance indoors.

Extended Households: All non-cohabiting partners (and any children under 18 in the household) can form extended households without physical distancing.

From yesterday – Monday 13th July

Non-essential shops inside shopping centres can re-open.

Dental practices can do non-aerosol routine care. Urgent care centres will continue to provide aerosol generating procedures.

Organised outdoor contact sports and physical activity can resume for children and young people under 18.

Face-to-face youth work can resume outdoors.

From tomorrow – Wednesday 15th July

Places of worship can re-open for congregational services, communal prayer and contemplation.

Museums, galleries, monuments, libraries, various other visitor attractions, cinemas (including drive-ins and venues screening films).

Hairdressers and barbers can re-open.

All childcare providers can open. This guidance lifts the emergency limits on the number of children and households but maintains the restrictions on school pick up and drop offs (blended)

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-childminder-services-guidance/pages/summary/>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-childcare-closures-and-emergency-provision/>

Indoor hospitality can reopen.

All holiday accommodation permitted.

20 people can now attend funerals, marriage ceremonies and civil partnership registrations, including those beyond the immediate family.

From Wednesday 22nd July

Universities and colleges.

Other personal retail services such as beauticians and tailors can re-open.

Motorcycle instruction and theory/hazard tests can resume. Tractor driver instruction can resume.

The following may resume after the 31st July

Non-essential offices and call centres. Working from home and working flexibly remain the default.

Some live events (outdoors and indoors).

Bingo halls.

Driving lessons.

Indoor gyms.

Resumption of non-professional adult outdoor contact sports.

This is the latest updated guidance on which businesses must remain closed as of today. You will see that the list of exemptions is growing longer.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-business-and-physical-distancing-guidance/pages/businesses-and-premises-that-must-remain-closed/>

CHANCELLOR ANNOUNCES FURTHER SUPPORT – VAT AND JOBS

Kickstart Scheme – 6-month work placements for 16-24 year olds on Universal Credit at risk of long-term unemployment. Funding available will cover 100% of the relevant National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week, plus the associated employer National Insurance contributions and employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions.

Youth Offer – More support for 18-24 in the Intensive Work Search group in Universal Credit.

Work and Health Programme – expand the scope to introduce additional voluntary support in the autumn for those on benefits that have been unemployed for more than 3 months.

Job finding support service – in the autumn introduce an online, one-to-one service will help those who have been unemployed for less than three months.

Eat Out to Help Out – every diner will be entitled to a 50% discount of up to £10 per head on their meal. It can be used an unlimited number of times and will be valid Monday to Wednesday on any eat-in meal including on non-alcoholic drinks for the entire month of August. Participating establishments will be fully reimbursed for the 50% discount.

Temporary VAT cut for food and non-alcoholic drinks – From 15 July 2020 to 12 January 2021, the reduced (5%) rate of VAT will apply to supplies of food and non-alcoholic drinks from restaurants, pubs, bars, cafés and similar

premises.

Temporary VAT cut for accommodation and attractions – From 15 July 2020 to 12 January 2021 the reduced (5%) rate of VAT will apply to accommodation and admission to attractions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-plan-for-jobs-documents/a-plan-for-jobs-2020#policy-decisions>

CHILDCARE

For weeks Willie Rennie MSP, Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, has been making the case for a joined-up approach as thousands of parents are being asked to go back to work without the usual summer childcare. He is relieved that finally we have something that might work.

He has also been an advocate for good early learning and childcare and supports the expansion of the hours to 1140. Willie can't understand why a three-month lockdown results in a twelve-month delay to the roll out. Families are banking on the expansion to enable them to get back to work, children have already missed out on education and nursery because of the lockdown and the inequality gap continues to grow.

The First Minister says she wants to support an economic recovery but there is no way to a strong recovery that does not include strong and growing childcare provision.

Watch the exchange:

https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/first-minister-statement-july-9-2020?clip_start=13:09:57&clip_end=13:15:29

MEDICAL CONDITIONS ADVICE

New advice for people with cancer, diabetes, heart disease, IBD; chronic kidney and liver disease; dermatological, neurological, (specific) ophthalmic, respiratory and rheumatic conditions, chronic pain, and rare diseases.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-tailored-advice-for-those-who-live-with-specific-medical-conditions/>

QUARANTINE RULES LIFTED

The requirement to quarantine for 14 days on arrival still applies to Spain and Serbia. This will be reviewed on July 20th when it is likely to be lifted. Even if you arrive into an airport in England you still need to quarantine when you arrive home. This link includes a list of countries for which you do not have to quarantine.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/quarantine-rule-ends-for-travellers-arriving-from-lower-risk-countries-and-territories/>

HOMEBUYERS HELP

The threshold at which Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT) is paid will be raised from £145,000 to £250,000 – excluding the Additional Dwelling

Supplement. No date has been set for this change.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/help-for-homebuyers-and-employment-support/>

SCAMS

Trading Standards Scotland is part of COSLA. In the latest edition of its Scam Share bulletin, it outlines scams which have been reported by consumers across Scotland, including those related to the COVID-19 outbreak. There is some very useful information for local communities, covering issues such as phone, pension and holiday-related scams.

The bulletin can be viewed at <https://mailchi.mp/86259372cd2e/scam-share>

INFORMATION

UK Government news: www.gov.uk/search/news-and-communications

Scottish Government Updates: www.gov.scot/news

Dundee City Council updates: www.dundee.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19

Covid community helpline for food, shopping, prescriptions, finances, personal care: People in Dundee on the shielded list only – 0300 123 1403. People in Dundee who are vulnerable but not on the shielded list – 0800 111 4000

NHS Inform –
<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

NHS Tayside website: www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk

Helpline for those who do not have symptoms but are looking for general health advice Tel: 0800 028 2816.

Health Protection Scotland Guidance –
www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/covid-19

Federation of Small Businesses: www.fsb.org.uk/coronavirus

Helpline for small businesses, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 0300 303 0660.

Ready Scotland Information – www.readyscotland.org/coronavirus

Tayside Cares – www.taysidecares.co.uk

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

This is an anxious and uncertain time but we want you to know that we are here to try to help constituents in whatever way that we can.

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[Weekly Road Report – West End Ward](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

Please note that most works are subject to change and late completion due to the restrictive measures in place following UK and Scottish Government advice that only emergency/urgent works and those considered essential should take place during this period.

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 13 JULY 2020

20mph speed limit zone road marking and traffic sign works commencing Monday 29 June 2020 for 2 weeks to improve road safety for the higher levels of pedestrians and cyclists in the following streets in the Perth Road area: Roseangle, Magdalen Yard Road, Richmond Terrace, Richmond Court, Fort Street, Nethergate from its junction with West Marketgait to its junction with Perth Road, Perth Road from its junction with Nethergate to its junction with Hawkhill, Minto Place, Strawberrybank, Osborne Place (where adopted), Shepherds Loan, Taylors Lane, Spinners Wynd, Union Place, Step Row, Patons Lane, McGonagall Square, Tayfield Place, Provost McGowan Place, Thomson Street, Seafield Lane, Seafield Road, Seafield Close, Bellfield Avenue, Magdalen Place, Westfield Lane, Westfield Place, Westfield Avenue, Greenfield Place, Park Place (where adopted), Pennycook Lane, St Peter Street, Ryehill Lane, West Wynd, Mid Wynd, Millers Wynd (where adopted), Springfield, Hawkhill Place, Artillery Lane, Cross Lane, Temple Lane, South Tay Street, Palais Court, Tay Street Lane, Tay Square, Long Wynd, West Port, Old Hawkhill and Hunter Street.

Forthcoming Road Works

Lower Pleasance (at junction with Lochee Road) – closed on Sunday 26 July for Scottish Water ironwork repairs.

Greenbank Place – closed from Monday 5 August for 3 working days for carriageway resurfacing works.

[Bus services in the West End](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



With thanks to Suzy Scott, there's an update to bus services in Dundee and across the wider region. Changes take effect today and you can read this [here](#).

Key changes that affect the West End are :

- Service 9/10 Outer Circle will see minor timetable changes every day (as a result of the 5 changes), including one extra early morning bus (06.24) from Barnhill to the City Centre and Ninewells Hospital.
 - Services 15/17 will now combine to provide buses every 12 minutes Monday-Friday daytime (combined), with 15 running 3 buses an hour and 17 running twice an hour.
 - Service 22 Monday-Friday daytime Service is reduced to a bus every 10 minutes.
 - Service 28/29 Monday-Friday daytime Service is reduced to a bus every 10 minutes (combined), 20 minutes (each of 28/29).
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Getting things done – Seabraes #dundeewestend



A resident recently contacted me saying :

“Do you think that you could request that the markings that distinguish and delineate the cycle lane from the footpath at Seabraes between Roseangle and Greenmarket could be refreshed/reinstated?”

With the increased number of cyclists and pedestrians using this thoroughfare there needs to be greater clarity as to who should be where on this shared path.”

I raised this with the Director of City Development at the City Council who has responded helpfully as follows :

“I confirm that we are aware that in a number of areas around the city existing cycle path markings and signage have become difficult to see.

We have bid for funding as part of the “Spaces for People” phase 2 bid to allow us to reinstate any worn markings and enhance signage to encourage cycle usage.

If this funding is confirmed I will ask officers to ensure that this marking is replaced as necessary.”

Parking charges #dundeewestend



As residents will be aware, the City Council has announced the return of parking charges from next Monday – 13th July.

However, I am pleased to say that my plea to officers to not to reintroduce these in the West End from 13th July has paid off. Car parks in the seven West End car parks that had charges introduced for the first time in January of this year will continue to be free until the universities return in October.

The City Council also advises :

“The first phase of charging from July 13 applies to all on-street bays, as well as the surface car parks in the city centre and Broughty Ferry. Limited wait bays will also be enforced from this date.

If progress on the route map out of lockdown continues as expected, the gradual roll-out will see charging resume at city centre multi-storey car parks in August. Greenmarket and Gellatly Street will be full price, while Bell Street and Olympia will cost £3-a-day.

Normal pricing is expected to resume at Olympia and Bell Street from mid-September.

Finally, the re-introduction of charging at car parks in the West End is planned for October 2020.

Up-to-date information throughout the phased return of car-parking charges can be found on the [Dundee City Council website](#).”