

Updates relating to the first Minister, Nicola Sturgeon's announcement

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**From 26<sup>th</sup> April it is hoped that the following changes to covid regulations relating to hospitality businesses in Scotland will take place.**

- Cafes, restaurants, and bars can serve alcohol outdoors in maximum groups of 6 from 3 households until 10pm. There will be no requirement for food to be served.
- There is hoped to be limited opening of hospitality indoors, however this will be initially limited to the service of food and non-alcoholic drinks, only until 8pm and for group of a maximum 4 people from 2 households.
- As was the case last year, venues must retain customer's contact detail for three weeks after their visit.
- From **17<sup>th</sup> May** it is hoped that if the covid situation allows, as many areas in level 3 as possible will move to level 2. Hospitality venues could then service alcohol indoors and with more normal opening hours. There may be additional requirements though and the example was given of booking 2-hour slots. (Our advice is to be on the safe side that you plan for this to be the case).

### **RATES & GRANTS**

- There is to be 100% business rates relief for hospitality business for this coming year.
- **On 22<sup>nd</sup> March** recipients of grants under the Strategic Business Framework Fund will receive a final 4-week payment and there will be no new claims after that date.
- **On 19<sup>th</sup> April** recipients will receive a final combined payment of a further 2 weeks closure support and an additional **one-off restart grant**.
- For eligible hospitality businesses, the restart grant will be paid up to £19,500

We will send further updates when we have access to detailed information.