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- The Law (as of September 14th):
legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2020/279/made
- The Guidance (as of August 31st):
gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship/pages/overview/



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“The limit of six people at a social gathering is intended to minimise interaction between households in places that are not COVID-Secure, and thus slow the spread of the virus... The government is attempting to balance keeping large sections of the economy and society open (e.g. school, universities, workplaces) whilst reducing the potential for cross-household spread.”



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- **Regulation 5:** continuing legal duty for churches “to minimise the risk of exposure to coronavirus” (e.g. 2m distancing and hygiene measures)
- **Regulation 7(1):** new legal duty that churches “must have *regard* to the guidance issued by the Scottish ministers”
- **7(3)** “Regulation 14 (enforcement of requirements) does not apply to a contravention of the requirement in para 1”



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- **Regulation 8:** tighter restrictions on public gatherings (max 6 people from 2 households – children under 12 don't count towards the number of people but do towards the number of households)
- **Exemptions:**
 - Providing “voluntary or charitable service”
 - Supplying “education” or “training”
 - Attending “a place of worship” (advised 50 max in the building for worship and prayer)
 - Attending a “wedding” or “funeral” (20 max)
 - Attending “an organised activity” defined as
 - (1) held entirely outdoors
 - (2) held exclusively for <18 year olds



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- You can have an outdoor service (200 max)
gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-events-sector-guidance/
- You can run kids and youth work
youthlinkscotland.org/news/september-2020/updated-guidance-for-the-renewal-of-indoor-youth-work-services/
- You can run mums and tots groups
gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-organised-activities-for-children/
- You may be able to have 50 people in your worship service while running at the same time a Sunday School or Bible Class up to 30 (in a separate building, or in a separate room with its own access for drop-off/pick-up). But if the children participate at all in the service then they count towards the 50.



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- **Regulation 9:** tighter restrictions on meetings in private residences or gardens (max 6 people from 2 households – children under 12 don't count towards the number of people but do towards the number of households)
- **Regulation 11:** new police powers to enforce
- **Regulation 13:** new legal requirement to wear a face covering while attending the place of worship (unless <5, or health exempt, or while leading an act of worship)



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