Scottish Temporary Regulations
Confirmed and extended to protect workers. 1st May, 2020

- Social distancing regulations introduced to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) have been confirmed and extended to protect workers.
- A number of amendments have been made to protect workers and provide further guidance for people in Scotland.

Background
- Following Royal Assent of the UK Coronavirus Bill, the Scottish Regulations came into force on 26 March 2020 and were approved by the Scottish Parliament on 1 April.

Key points
- The Scottish Government is required to review the regulations at least once every 21 days.
- The regulations will be reviewed every 3 weeks and will be kept under continual review by the Scottish Government.

The adjustments to the regulations include
- Formalising the two metre distancing rules to all businesses that remain open.
- Businesses that do not take all reasonable measures to enforce those rules could be fined or ultimately prosecuted.

Constitutional Relations Secretary Michael Russell said:
“The restrictions are tough and have had an impact on everyone’s lives, but they are necessary to protect public health and our NHS, and we will continue to keep them under review.”

Link to the regulations

Link to the updated guidance

Link to specific guidance on business and social distancing.