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# Coronavirus (COVID-19): strategic approach

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Information on Scotland's strategic approach to managing coronavirus.

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## Introduction

These documents set out the approach and principles that have guided Scotland through the pandemic and which continue to do so. They are listed in reverse date order, with the most recent documents first.

The latest of four updates to Scotland's Strategic Framework, published in February 2022, assesses where we are in the pandemic and sets out Scotland's approach to managing COVID-19 and its associated harms effectively for the long term as we prepare for a calmer phase of the pandemic.

Scotland's Strategic Framework, published in October 2020, set out our then strategic approach to suppress the virus to the lowest possible level and keep it there, while we strived to return to a more normal life for as many people as possible.

Scotland's Route Map through and out of the crisis, published in May 2020, gave an indication of

the order in which we carefully and gradually sought to change the then current restrictions.

The Framework for Decision Making, published in April 2020, set out the challenges Scotland faced and outlined the approach and principles that guided us as we made decisions about transitioning out of the then lockdown arrangements.

The latest guidance and updates can be found via the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) page](#).

## Scotland's Strategic Framework and updates

### Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scotland's Strategic Framework

This document sets out our strategic approach to suppress the virus to the lowest possible level and keep it there, while we strive to return to a more normal life for as many people as possible.

23 October 2020 Strategy/plan

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Scotland's Strategic Framework update - February 2022](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Scotland's Strategic Framework update - November 2021](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Scotland's Strategic Framework update - June 2021](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Strategic Framework update - February 2021](#)

## Phase 3 - route map through and out of the crisis

Information about Route Map phases.

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Route Map - supporting evidence for the October 2020 review](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): route map and regulatory review - 15 October 2020](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): additional measures - 8 October 2020](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 3: Scotland's route map update – 1 October 2020](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Route Map - supporting evidence for the 22 September 2020 review](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) update: First Minister's speech 22 September 2020](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Route Map - supporting evidence for the 10 September 2020 review](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 3: Scotland's route map update – 10 September 2020](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Scotland's Route Map - supporting evidence - 20 August 2020 review](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 3: Scotland's route map update - 20 August 2020](#)

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 3: Scotland's route map update – 30 July 2020](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Scotland's route map - supporting evidence for the 30 July 2020 Review](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 3: Scotland's route map update - 9 July 2020](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Scotland's route map - supporting evidence for moving to Phase 3](#)

## Phase 2 - route map through and out of the crisis

We announced the move to Phase 2 on 18 June 2020.

- view the [BSL video of Phase 2 of Scotland's route map](#).
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 2: Scotland's route map - physical distancing update](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Scotland's route map - indicative dates for the remainder of Phase 2 and early Phase 3](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 2: Scotland's route map update](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 2: supporting evidence for moving to Phase 2 of Scotland's route map](#)

## Phase 1 - route map through and out of the crisis

We announced the move to Phase 1 on 28 May 2020.

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 1: Scotland's route map update](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 1: supporting evidence for moving to Phase 1 of Scotland's route map](#)

## Scotland's route map through and out of the crisis

The Route Map provides practical examples of what people, organisations and businesses can expect to see change over time.

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Scotland's route map through and out of the crisis](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): evidence gathered for Scotland's route map - equality and Fairer Scotland impact assessment](#)

## Framework for decision making

These documents set out the approach and principles that guided us. See also [the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): framework for decision making - further information](#) (5 May 2020) in our website archive.

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): framework for decision making](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): framework for decision making - supporting evidence](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): framework for decision making - overview of public engagement](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): framework for decision making - easy read version](#)

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