

Guidance for Taxi and Private Hire Operators and Drivers

Mandatory use of Face Coverings

<https://www.gov.scot/news/face-coverings-mandatory-on-public-transport-from-22-june/>

Face covering must be worn by all passengers and staff or operators in the following settings from Monday 22 June 2020:

- train services including the Glasgow subway
- bus services and the Edinburgh tram
- taxi and private hire vehicles
- bus stations, railway stations and airports
- ferry services (unless the ferry is open to the elements and physical distancing can be achieved, or the vessel is large enough that physical distancing can be achieved)
- airline services

Specific exemptions provide that certain categories of people are not required to wear a face covering. This includes children under five years of age, a constable or an emergency responder acting in the course of their duty. Staff such as drivers who are physically separated, by means of, for example, screens, from other staff and passengers are also exempt from wearing face coverings.

Medicals

Due to current restriction taxi medicals have been temporarily suspended. The Medical Centre will contact drivers directly when these resume to organise or re-arrange an appointment, however this is unlikely to be until we enter Tier 3.

Please be reminded that should you develop a medical condition, you should notify the licensing Department immediately at civlicensing@pkc.gov.uk

We will update the website again when they resume.

General advice

Drivers that continue to work should follow the health advice on the Government website:

https://www.gov.scot/?utm_source=www2.gov.scot&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=notification-banner-text-button&utm_campaign=www2

Please ensure that all drivers follow the Government issued advice and take simple and sensible steps at all times including encouraging drivers to:

- Always carry tissues and use them to catch coughs and sneezes
- Dispose of used tissues in the bin as soon as possible
- Wash hands with soap and water, or use sanitiser gel, to kill germs
- Clean surfaces regularly with sanitising wipes or spray to get rid of germs

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

If drivers are worried about Covid-19 symptoms, they should follow NHS guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Transport Transition Plan

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/transport-transition-plan/advice-on-how-to-travel-safely/#section-63887>

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/transport-transition-plan/>

Face to Face Appointments

We are not currently offering appointments at 2 High Street or Pullar House.

Committee and Board Meetings

All planned meetings of the Licensing Committee and the Licensing Board have been postponed. If you are scheduled to attend a future meeting, please **do not attend**. We will contact you directly about alternative arrangements - where possible decisions may be taken without the need for a meeting.

Knowledge Test

All Knowledge Tests for new applicants have been postponed. The Licensing Department will contact you as soon as possible to re-arrange the Knowledge Test.