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COVID-19 Measures at COP26 Q&A

We are looking forward to welcoming you to COP26, and the UK Government is delighted to be hosting such a crucial event in the fight against climate change.

Our focus remains on delivering a safe, successful in-person COP26, while allowing you to enjoy all the hospitality, retail and cultural venues. The safety and security of everyone at COP26 and in the surrounding community is of utmost importance.

We have been working closely with the UN, WHO, public health officials across the UK and clinicians. We have put together a comprehensive set of COVID-19 mitigation measures which includes a bespoke travel regime for COP26 including mandatory Pre-Departure Test (PDT), strongly recommending that everyone coming to COP26 is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, a bespoke test, trace and isolate regime, physical/social distancing, face coverings (also referred to as 'masks') and enhanced hygiene measures.

We have developed a range of mitigation measures to help protect participants, staff and the local community. Mitigations in the Blue Zone include, but are not limited to:

- Mandatory face coverings unless medically exempt (see supporting Q&A for more details on when you do and do not need to wear face coverings);
- 1 meter + physical distancing;
- Daily LFD testing (negative results shown at Blue Zone entry points);
- Enhanced ventilation within the venue;
- Hand sanitiser stations throughout the venue;
- Information desks and signage to assist all participants.

Enhanced cleaning measures have also been developed for the Blue Zone alongside our Hygiene Partner, Reckitt. In addition, all delegates will receive hygiene kits. Hygiene kits include a reusable mask and filters, a reusable hand sanitiser bottle and antibacterial wipes. A high proportion of the hygiene products and packaging can be recycled or composted.

Cleaning measures at the venue include, but are not limited to:

- Cleaning of meeting and plenary rooms after every use, including areas such as tables, remotes and door handles;
- Microphones will be cleaned between room uses;
- Thorough cleaning will be carried out every night, in addition
- Coat hangers and countertops will be cleaned after every use;
- Hot desks will be cleaned regularly by roving cleaners;

- Hand sanitiser pump contact points throughout the venue will be cleaned every four hours;
- Restrooms will be cleaned every two hours, including taps, toilet seat lids, door handles and locks.

Information desks will be available around the venue to provide health advice and answer any questions you may have. In addition, easily identifiable roving volunteers will be on hand to assist you throughout the venue.

Everyone coming to COP26 has an important role to play in keeping themselves, their fellow participants and the community safe. It is important that if you experience any symptoms of illness (even if they are not specific to COVID-19), you remain at your accommodation until you feel well again. Further information on the support available will be released in due course. If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, you must isolate immediately and wait for a confirmatory PCR test which we will provide. Further details on the Test, Trace and Isolate programme will be provided. The UK Government will provide all relevant tests.

As hosts, we recognise how urgently the world must come together to agree on action to tackle climate change. The UK is committed to hosting an ambitious and inclusive COP26.

The following Q&A pack provides more detail on the COVID-19 measures we have developed for COP26 and guidance on COVID-19 measures to follow outside the Blue Zone, in Glasgow and across Scotland.

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COVID-19 Measures in the SEC (Blue Zone)

I'm a COP26 Blue Zone attendee, what COVID-19 rules will I be expected to follow?

Within the Blue Zone attendees must adhere to the following COVID-19 measures:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+
- To wear a face covering at all times except when eating, drinking, sitting in office/ meeting spaces or conducting negotiations; or if medically exempt. Event speakers can also remove face coverings when delivering a speech/lecture. Face coverings should be worn when sitting in theatre-style seating.
- To show your daily negative lateral flow test result on entry into the Blue Zone.
- Practice good hand hygiene- there will be hand sanitiser stations located throughout the venue

All Blue Zone attendees will have signed up to the [COP26 COVID-19 Code of Conduct](#) agreeing to adhere to following these COVID-19 rules.

Will I be able to go to events and meetings in other parts of the conference area?

Blue Zone attendees will be able to access almost all areas of the conference, but

we ask that when in these other areas you adhere to 1m+ physical distancing and face-covering restrictions as far as possible.

The Green Zone will be open to access by the general public and so will not have the same level of COVID-19 measures as those in place within the Blue Zone. Therefore to ensure the safety and wellbeing of yourself and the wider population of Glasgow we would encourage Blue Zone attendees to focus their activities in the Blue Zone and not frequently travel between Zones if at all possible.

In the Code of Conduct it says I have to take a daily lateral flow test. Where do I report my daily LFD (Lateral flow device) test?

Before leaving your accommodation, you will need to self-administer a Lateral Flow Device each morning and upload your results via the gov.uk portal (further details on this process will be communicated ahead of the event).

Should you at any point receive a positive test result from your daily LFD you must report this immediately to the COP26 test and protect service. You must immediately self-isolate after receiving a positive LFD result. You will need to take a confirmatory PCR test after a positive LFD result. If your confirmatory PCR is positive, you must self-isolate for 10 days.

Further details on the Test, Trace and Isolate programme will be shared with Blue Zone attendees.

When do I need to wear a face covering in the Blue Zone?

We ask that you wear a face covering (over your nose and mouth) in the Blue Zone at all times, with a few exceptions. You will be provided with a reusable face mask and filters in your hygiene kit. Examples of where you **need to** wear your face covering include:

- When moving and walking around the conference area
- In the lifts and toilets
- When standing and talking to others prior to or after a meeting or negotiation, even if you remain in the same meeting/ office space
- In hallways, corridors and event spaces
- When sitting in theatre-style seating in the Blue Zone (areas where events and lectures take place)

What type of face covering should I use?

For COP26, a face covering (often also referred to as a “mask”) is something which securely covers the nose and mouth. There are many types of face coverings available.

We recommend that you use the reusable face mask and filters provided in your hygiene kit.

Cloth face coverings/masks and disposable face coverings work best if they are made with multiple layers (at least 2) and form a good fit around the face.

How often should I change the filter in my face covering which is provided as part of the Hygiene Pack?

As per guidance from our Hygiene Partners, the filters last for 48 hours of continuous use (or 6 business days each). To ensure that you don't run out during the event, your hygiene pack will include 3 filters.

Do I need to wear a face covering while walking to the Blue Zone from public transport?

Whilst walking from public transport or drop off points toward the Blue Zone, we ask Blue Zone attendees to follow the local COVID-19 restrictions in place at event time, which could include wearing face coverings outside. There will be signage to indicate when you should put on your face covering on approach to Blue Zone entry points.

Do I need to wear a face covering prior to entering into the Blue Zone?

We do ask you to wear a face covering in the perimeter just outside the Blue Zone as there may be some queues. There will be clear signs asking for face coverings to be worn and for physical distancing to be maintained.

What are the cleaning protocols in the Blue Zone?

In our preparations for COP26, we have been working closely with our Hygiene Partner, Reckitt, to help implement scalable cleaning protocols.

Cleaning products have been supplied by Reckitt, and will be used across the Blue Zone. There will be enhanced cleaning protocols in place throughout the Blue Zone. This includes regular cleaning of all high touch surfaces and thorough cleaning of all plenary and meeting rooms in between use. We are also ensuring the provision of a number of hand sanitiser stations across the Blue Zone.

All participants will also have access to disposable wipes and hand sanitizer within their own personal Hygiene pack.

How do I dispose of hygiene products?

- The kraftboard hygiene box (the box your hygiene kit will be distributed in) can go in paper recycling.
- TruClean disposable wipes are biodegradable.
- Wipe packaging can be recycled via the Terracycle** collection point available at Hygiene Service Counter in Blue Zone
- Both the hand sanitiser bottle and face mask are recyclable, but these can be taken away following COP26 for the delegates' personal use.

Can I shake hands or hug other attendees when greeting them?

In order to maintain physical distancing rules within the Blue Zone we ask that you refrain from shaking hands or hugging other attendees when greeting them. We suggest the use of COVID-19-friendly alternatives, such as elbow bumping.

Do I need to show proof of vaccination when entering the Blue Zone?

Proof of vaccination is not necessary when entering the Blue Zone, only evidence of a negative result from your daily LFD. **Further details on the Test, Trace and Isolate programme will be shared with Blue Zone attendees.**

I need help planning my journey, including getting a visa, having the necessary documentation at the border and booking quarantine accommodation.

All the information you need to plan your journey to COP26 is available from [this link](#) on the COP26 website. Further contact details will be provided to all participants should they have any questions on the travel regime.

Will there be people in the Blue Zone to answer questions on COVID-19 measures?

Within the SEC there will be a number of volunteers on hand to advise you of the COVID-19 measures in place. We also have a number of information stands within the SEC with staff ready to advise.

Visiting venues around Glasgow

Are there any restrictions on my movement within the City?

There are no restrictions on COP participants visiting Glasgow and the surrounding area, but we ask that you adhere to all physical distancing and face covering restrictions when outside the Blue Zone. You must also adhere to the local COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

When visiting hospitality, retail and cultural venues in the Greater Glasgow area, we ask where possible that you follow Covid-19 protection measures including:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+
- Wearing a face covering at relevant times, such as walking around the retail venue or moving around in a hospitality venue
- COVID-19 vaccine certificates are needed to get into the following settings in Scotland:
 - late night premises with music, which serve alcohol at any time between midnight and 5am and have a designated place for dancing for customers
 - indoor events (unseated) with 500 or more people
 - outdoor events (unseated) with 4,000 or more people
 - any event with more than 10,000 people

Everyone attending these settings and events must be able to show they have been fully vaccinated (unless exempt) to gain entry. The scheme will require a person seeking entry to regulated settings to show that they have been fully vaccinated with a UK approved vaccine (recognised by MHRA) and two weeks has passed for the vaccine to take effect.

The Scottish Government will accept proof of vaccination from across the UK and Crown Dependencies as well as from members of the EU Digital COVID-19 Certificate Scheme. The EU scheme currently includes all EU Member States plus an additional 16 countries and territories – with more expected to join.

Outwith the UK and the EU, domestic certification rules for international visitors will align with the current border rules – so visitors from other nations, such as USA, will need to provide the same proof of vaccination status that is accepted for entry into the UK.

The letter and app on your mobile device will contain a QR code which you will be able to present to the venue who will carry out a visual check or scan the code with a verifier app to confirm the record is authentic.

The verifier app does not retain people's personal data. It only displays a person's name, date of birth and vaccine status. The app does not store or transmit any personal data during the process.

Will I be able to have dinner outside the Blue Zone in Glasgow?

Yes! - As a Blue Zone attendee of COP26, you are free to explore all hospitality, business and retail venues across Glasgow. When visiting hospitality and retail venues in the Greater Glasgow area, we ask where possible that you follow COVID-19 protection measures including:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+
- Wearing a face covering at relevant times, such as walking around the retail venue or moving around in a hospitality venue

You must also adhere to the local COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Will I be able to go for a drink in a pub/bar outside the Blue Zone in Glasgow?

Yes! - As an attendee of COP26, you are free to explore all hospitality, business and retail venues across Glasgow. When visiting hospitality and retail venues in the Greater Glasgow area, we ask where possible that you follow COVID-19 protection measures including:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+
- Wearing a face covering at relevant times, such as moving around the pub/bar and in the toilets

You must also adhere to the local COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Will I be able to visit retail outlets, or other cultural venues, outside the Blue Zone in Glasgow?

Yes! - As an attendee of COP26, you are free to explore all hospitality, business and retail venues across Glasgow. When visiting cultural venues and retail venues/ outlets in the Greater Glasgow area, we ask where possible that you follow COVID-19 protection measures including:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+
- Wearing a face covering at relevant times, such as walking around the retail or cultural venue

You must also adhere to the local COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Do I need to wear a face covering on public transport when in Glasgow?

Yes, face coverings are mandatory, and a legal requirement, on public transport in Scotland. Rules on public transport outside of the Blue Zone will be subject to local restrictions in place at the time.

Do I need to wear a face covering on public transport when outside of Glasgow?

Yes, face coverings are mandatory, and a legal requirement, on public transport in Scotland. Rules on public transport outside of the Blue Zone will be subject to local restrictions in place at the time. If travelling in or through England, whilst face coverings are not mandatory on public transport, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of yourself and the wider population we strongly recommend that you wear a face covering on public transport in England.

Do the COVID-19 measures in the COP26 Code of Conduct apply outside of Glasgow? (I'm staying in Edinburgh.)

The [Code of Conduct COVID-19](#) measures apply to all COP26 Blue Zone participants (attending or facilitating) regardless of where you are staying. Because of this we ask that you adhere to all of the measures at all times.

Can I go to restaurants outside of Glasgow if my accommodation is based outside the city?

As an attendee of COP26, you are free to explore all business and retail venues across Scotland.

When visiting hospitality and retail venues across Scotland, we ask where possible that you follow COVID-19 protection measures including:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+
- Wearing a face covering at relevant times, such as walking around the

venue

You must also adhere to the local COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Access to and measures within the Green Zone

Will I be able to access the Green Zone as a Blue Zone attendee?

The Green Zone will be accessible for Blue Zone attendees.

As a Blue Zone attendee and based on the COP26 Code of Conduct, we ask that when in these other areas you adhere to 1m+ physical distancing and face covering measures as far as possible.

Will there be 'COVID-19 screening' before entering the Green Zone, such as proof of vaccination or a negative test result?

No. Blue Zone attendees do not need to show proof of a negative test result before entering the Green Zone.

What are the COVID-19 rules I can expect to follow?

The Green Zone is a publicly accessible space and as such will be subject to local COVID-19 restrictions in place in Glasgow.

As a Blue Zone attendee and based on the [COP26 Code of Conduct](#), we ask that when in these other areas you adhere to 1m+ physical distancing and face covering measures as far as possible.

Specific rules for different COP26 events spaces:

Distillery

What are the COVID-19 rules I can expect to follow?

Within the distillery we are asking attendees to adhere to the following COVID-19 mitigations:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+
- To wear a face covering at relevant times
- To have taken a lateral flow test daily (on entrance to the Blue Zone) and to provide evidence of a negative result

Will I be able to access the distillery?

The distillery will be open for tour bookings for Blue Zone attendees only.

Sky Bar at Radisson Red

What are the COVID-19 rules I can expect to follow?

Within the Sky Bar we ask that you adhere to physical distancing and face covering measures as far as possible (as per COP26 Code of Conduct). You will need to show evidence of your negative daily Lateral flow test for entry.

Who can access the Sky Bar?

The Sky Bar will be opened to a limited number of Blue Zone attendees.

World Leaders Summit - VVIP Reception

What are the COVID-19 measures I can expect to follow?

Specific advice on COVID-19 measures for the World Leader Summit and corresponding events will be provided to those delegates attending separately. However, within the VVIP reception venue we are asking attendees to adhere to the following COVID-19 mitigations:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+
- To wear a face covering at relevant times
- To take a lateral flow test and to show evidence of a negative result upon entry

Museums and Galleries in Glasgow

What are the COVID-19 measures I can expect to follow?

Museums and galleries will be open to the public throughout the event time,

Within museums and galleries we are asking Blue Zone attendees (as per Code of Conduct) to adhere to the following COVID-19 mitigations:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+

- To wear a face covering at relevant times

You must also adhere to the local COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Accommodation

What are the hotels on-site?

There are six hotels on-site within the SEC campus. These are:

- Crowne Plaza
- Moxy
- Courtyard
- Campanile
- Radisson Red
- Hilton Garden Inn

What are the COVID-19 measures I can expect to follow within these hotels?

Within hotels on-site we are asking attendees to adhere to the following COVID-19 measures:

- Physical Distancing of 1m+
- To wear a face covering at relevant times, for example when moving around the hotel outside of your room and when in lifts
- To take a lateral flow test daily

You must also adhere to the local COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Will I be able to invite guests to my accommodation?

Yes, but you should only invite a limited number of guests to your accommodation. This will help protect COP26.

Test, Trace and Isolate

Further details on the Test, Trace and Isolate programme will be made available soon, and you will be able to access via this link..

What should I do if I feel unwell or test positive for COVID-19?

Should you start to feel unwell at any time during COP26, you should **immediately** self-isolate and, including where possible, isolate yourself from others in your accommodation. You must also call the **NHS Test and Trace Helpline 0044 (0)117 472 0968**

Should any of your symptoms match those of COVID-19 you must inform the test and protect service. You can find details on how to do so in the Test, Trace and Isolate guidance which will be provided.

It is important that you follow the advice given to you by the test and protect service, for your own health and wellbeing, as well as the health and wellbeing of those around you. In the event that you test positive, you will be provided with public health guidance **which you must follow.**

We have a number of wellbeing officers on-site, who will be on hand to advise you and provide support should you at any point feel unwell during COP26.