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KEY POINTS:

- Nicola Sturgeon outlines five-tier system for Scotland.
- UK coronavirus (R) number has fallen slightly to 1.2 1.4, this week government figures show.
- In England, Greater Manchester moves into tier 3 South Yorkshire to follow suit at 12:01am from 24th October 2020.
- Council leaders mention that Warrington will move into tier 3 potentially by next Thursday.
- Stoke-on-Trent, Coventry and Slough to move into tier 2 on Saturday 24th October.
- The UK has reported another 174 coronavirus deaths and 23,012 more cases in the latest 24-hour period. The number of tests carried out in the latest daily period was 340,132. According to Sky news 25th October 2020

Around 1 in 130 people in England are estimated to have had coronavirus last week, official figures show (according to sky news 23rd October 2020)

In Wales, a full nationwide lockdown comes into force at 6pm 23rd October 2020 and in Scotland, restrictions on pubs, bars and restaurants have been extended until 2nd November, when a new tiered approach is expected to begin.

Information:

Scotland 5 level tier:

Level 0

This would be "the closest to normality we can safely get to without effective treatments for Covid-19 or a vaccine against COVID". Eight people from 3 households can meet indoors and most business can open with safety measures in place.

Level 1

Indoor household meetings are restricted to 6 people from 2 households.

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Level 2

This applies when transmissions of the virus is higher and rising and would see limitations on hospitality business and no gathering allowed in people's homes.

Level 3

This would see much of hospitality closed, and similar to the measures in place in the Scottish central belt. But Ms Strurgeon said a crucial difference would be that restaurants can partially open.

Level 4

Non-essential shops must close and it is a sign the NHS is at risk of being overwhelmed. Six people from 2 households can meet outdoors and the government will seek to keep manufacturing and construction firms open.

England three-tier system is "medium", "high" and "very high" coronavirus alert levels.

The Local COVID Alert Levels - "medium", "high" and "very high" – is implemented depending on local infection rates.

What are the rules for the different tiers - and which is your area in?

Tier 1 – Medium

- > 10pm curfew for bars, pubs and restaurants
- > Gatherings of more than six people banned, apart from some settings such as funerals and weddings

Everywhere in England apart from the places listed further down are in Tier 1.

Tier 2 - High:

- > Mixing of households indoors not allowed.
- > Two households can meet in a private garden rule of six and social distancing rules apply.
- > Pubs and restaurants remain open, but no mixing of households inside and 10pm curfew.

Tier 3 - Very high:

- > No mixing of households indoors and outdoors, including in private gardens.
- Pubs and bars to close.
- > Restaurants, and pubs that can operate as restaurants, allowed to stay open.
- > Local politicians will decide if gyms, betting shops, casinos, hairdressers and beauty salons should close.
- > Non-essential shops, schools and universities to remain open.
- Avoid non-essential travel.
- > Travel outside area advised against.

We also recommend you download and install the free NHS COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone to support the governments track and trace service.

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Key Messages:

Anyone who tests positive and then knowingly provides false information about their close contacts will also be fined. Please familiarise yourself with our Site Operating Guidance – <u>Click Here</u> and Video –<u>Click Here</u>

This guidance is intended to introduce consistent measures on sites of all sizes in line with the Government's recommendations on social distancing.

Key messages:

- Self-Isolate and do not go into work if you are showing symptoms of COVID-19
- If you or a colleague start to show symptoms whilst at work return home immediately
- Travelling to work where possible this should be alone and using your own mode of transport, where this is not possible refer to the below Safe Working Guidance video
- Where possible maintain a 2m distance from colleagues
- Regularly wash hands and use hand sanitiser
- If you cough or sneeze do so into a tissue and dispose of the tissue cleaning hands afterwards
- You must wear a face covering where required to do so
- Follow signage and one-way systems that may be in place on site
- Ensure that PPE is properly cleaned after use or disposable PPE is used where possible

If you're travelling to/from work in a shared vehicle please refer to our Getting to Work Safely Guidance – <u>Click Here</u>

Further documentation and guidance on COVID-19 can be found on our website www.fortel.co.uk