

## COVID-19 update – Revised measures in SCTS buildings

Following the removal of all legal requirements to manage COVID-19 by the Scottish Government, the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service has reviewed the safety measures in place in its buildings. Consequently, the following measures have been introduced for anyone using SCTS buildings, including George House:

- Revised [guidance](#) on what people need to do when coming to a SCTS building will take effect.
- Restrictions on public access to our buildings will be removed.
- Whilst no longer a legal requirement, we will encourage all attendees to wear a face covering in all public areas of our buildings in the interests of their own safety and of others.
- During Tribunal proceedings, all those present in the hearing room will be required to wear face coverings, subject to any exemptions, unless they are required to speak. Disposable masks will be provided if necessary.
- Although formal physical distancing is removed, sensible distancing measures in congested areas will be maintained. Everyone will be encouraged to take a common sense approach to maintaining and respecting other people's personal space when in SCTS buildings. Signage in all of our buildings will be updated accordingly.
- Good hand hygiene will continue to be encouraged and enhanced surface cleaning – especially of high touch-point areas – will be maintained. Good ventilation will also be maintained in buildings.
- SCTS will continue to support home working arrangements of staff wherever possible.

SCTS will continue to review these arrangements in line with the latest public health advice as it evolves.

The introduction of sensible distancing measures means it is possible to hold hearings in George House again. However, the Tribunal will continue to make some use of alternative options including the use of video conferencing where appropriate.