

25<sup>th</sup> July - 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020

# CECA Scotland Weekly Update

## Scotland's Economic Recovery from COVID-19

On 5<sup>th</sup> August, the Scottish Government published responses to the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery (AGER) report and the Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board (ESSB) report, setting out targeted measures to [build a stronger, fairer and greener economic future](#) for Scotland in the wake of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Scottish Government responses can be viewed below:

- [Economic Recovery Implementation Plan: The Scottish Government's response to the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery](#)
- [The Scottish Government's response to the Report by the Enterprise & Skills Strategic Board sub-group on measures to mitigate the labour market impacts from COVID-19](#)

## COVID-19: Aberdeen Lockdown

New lockdown restrictions came into effect on 5pm on 5<sup>th</sup> August for Aberdeen City. Read more details [here](#). While travel for essential work that can't be done from home is permitted, a 5-mile limit has been placed on all travel for leisure. Residents should not visit friends or family while the restrictions are in place.

## COVID-19: Returning to Work Safely Guidance (Updated)

The Scottish Government's Returning to Work Safely Guidance was updated on 4<sup>th</sup> August and can be read [here](#). Home working continues to remain the default position where this is possible.

## Phase 3 Continues with Further Indicative Opening Dates

On 30<sup>th</sup> July, the First Minister announced that due to the fragile position the country faces, Scotland will remain in Phase 3 of the Routemap out of lockdown. However, schools will open full time as hoped from August 11<sup>th</sup>. Read more [here](#).

### Confirmed dates:

- Pause in shielding advice (1 August)
- Relax certain restrictions on some support groups and services and for sports coaches, following relevant guidance (3 August)
- Routine eye care services can be provided within community optometry practice and in patients' own homes (3 August)
- Children to be able to return to school full time (11 August. Some schools may operate a phased return with all children back by 18 August)

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- Urgent dental care involving aerosols may begin in practice for NHS patients (17 August)

#### Indicative date: Monday 24 August

- Live outdoor events, with physical distancing, enhanced hygiene, restricted numbers and following guidance
- Organised outdoor contact sport for all ages, following guidance from relevant sports bodies
- Bingo halls, snooker/pool halls and indoor bowling, with physical distancing, enhanced hygiene and guidance
- Funfairs (static and travelling), following guidance
- Amusement arcades and casinos, with enhanced hygiene and following guidance
- Driving lessons can resume, following guidance

#### Indicative date: Monday 14 September

- Indoor gyms, swimming pools and sports courts, with physical distancing and enhanced hygiene (to be kept under review in case earlier date feasible)
- Soft play, with enhanced hygiene and following guidance
- Indoor live events, with physical distancing, restricted numbers and following guidance
- Theatres, live music/concert halls and other indoor entertainment venues, with physical distancing requirements and following This does not include nightclubs - engagement with the sector will take place ahead of the next review.
- Limited reopening of stadiums, following guidance and with options for testing on earlier dates where agreed with government.

## New redundancy protection legislation came into force 31 July 2020

Workers made redundant while on furlough will be guaranteed redundancy pay based on their normal wage and not their furloughed rate under the new legislation. Read more [here](#).

## Virtual Meet the Buyer North Event

A virtual Meet the Buyer (North) event organised by the Supplier Development Programme will take place on 2nd September. See the [flyer](#) for more details.

## CECA National Weekly Update

The latest CECA National Weekly Update for 29<sup>th</sup> July - 5<sup>th</sup> August can be read online [here](#).

## Stop Make a Change 2020 Launch

The CECA Stop. Make a Change 2020 (SMAC-20) initiative was launched on Friday (31 July) via webinar. The recorded version can be accessed [here](#). This year, CECA is collaborating with Cancer Research UK and Mates and Mind to bring a real focus to everyone's individual Health, Safety, and Wellbeing. CECA is asking everyone to get involved in a 'Conversation Starter' initiative - which will be available to anyone working in the construction sector in due course. Topics available include Respiratory, Mental Health, Cancer, People/Plant Interface, Office Safety, Slips, Trips and Falls, Working from Heights, Lifting Operations (including MSDs), Hand Injuries Access & Egress, and lastly, Electrical Working.

The dates for SMAC-20 will be 10-23 October 2020. Members are reminded to use the hashtag [#StopMakeAChange](#) on social media when publicising SMAC-20 events. If you would like to make an expression of interest in SMAC-20, e-mail [SMAC-20@ceca.co.uk](mailto:SMAC-20@ceca.co.uk)

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