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## Remembrance 2020

As you will be aware, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October the Scottish Parliament approved the new Strategic Framework of protection levels aimed at combatting the spread of COVID-19. The framework will come into effect from Monday 2 November 2020.

This guidance note is intended to provide an overview of the impact the framework has on Remembrance commemorations ahead of Sunday 8 November. I have outlined the restrictions at each of the five levels for organised events and places of worship, which between them will cover the majority of Remembrance activities.

### Strategic Framework – Events Guidance

Protections Level	Guidance
<b>Level 0</b>	<b>Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• outdoor events permitted</li><li>• indoor events – seated and ambulatory – permitted (restricted numbers)</li><li>• indoor events - grouped standing - not permitted</li></ul> <b>Places of Worship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• open – restricted numbers (50)</li></ul>
<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• outdoor events – seated and open space – permitted (restricted numbers)</li><li>• outdoor events - grouped standing - not permitted</li><li>• indoor events - small seated indoor - permitted</li></ul> <b>Places of Worship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• open – restricted numbers (50)</li></ul>
<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not permitted/closed</li><li>• drive in events permitted</li></ul> <b>Places of Worship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• open – restricted numbers (50)</li></ul>
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• not permitted/closed</li></ul> <b>Places of Worship</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• open – restricted numbers (50)</li> </ul>
<b>Level 4</b>	<p><b>Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not permitted/closed</li> </ul> <p><b>Places of Worship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• open with restricted numbers (20 people)</li> </ul>

Further detail on the protection levels within the new strategic framework can be found at [www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/](http://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/).

## Remembrance Events

Under the new framework, outdoor events of more than 6 people from 2 different households are not permitted in Local Authority areas which fall within Protection Levels 2, 3 and 4. This means that organised local Remembrance events will not be able to take place unless they are held within a Place of Worship.

Whilst we appreciate how disappointing this may be, this decision has been taken by the Scottish Government based on expert advice to protect the health and well-being of the people of Scotland.

It is right, however, that we remember the sacrifices of those individuals from across Scotland and the UK, the Commonwealth and our Allied Nations, which ensured the relative peace and freedoms we enjoy today. Anyone who wishes to honour the fallen can still do so in the following ways:

- By joining the two minutes silence at 11.00 on Sunday 8 November from their doorstep as part of their community
- By attending a service at a place of worship (subject to max 50 attendees in levels 0-3 or max 20 attendees in level 4)

We would encourage everyone to take this opportunity to explore innovative approaches to Remembrance events within the restrictions that are in place

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during what has been an uncertain time and I hope this guidance can at least help provide some certainty for planning as we head into the Remembrance period.

**Kind regards**

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