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COP26 COVID UNIT  
3 November 2021

First Minister  
Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery  
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport  
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

## **COP26 COVID-19 Mitigation measure outside the Blue Zone**

### **Purpose**

1. To provide an update on COVID-19 mitigation measures that are being implemented for events and activities outside the COP26 Blue Zone.

### **Priority**

2. Routine.

### **Background**

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### **COVID Mitigations Outside the Blue Zone**

6. A summary of the COP26 COVID mitigations which will be in place outside the Blue Zone is in Annex A, with the headline actions highlighted below:
  - Deployment of additional Targeted Community Testing sites in Glasgow at several transport hubs, places of worship and hotels.
  - Packs of LFD tests for at-home use are already available to collect from many test sites, from local pharmacies and can be ordered to your home.
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  - All possible preparations have been made within the contact tracing system to account for increased demand on translation services during and after COP26.
  - Robust plans are in place for self-isolation support to deal with increased demand.
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### **Recommendation**

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## **ANNEX: COP26 COVID-19 Key mitigation measures for areas and events outside the Blue Zone**

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### **1.6 Testing**

#### **What is known**

Testing policy outside of the BZ falls in line with national policies, these are currently to encourage the general population to test themselves, using LFDs, twice a week. Then test with a PCR if symptomatic, LFD+ or identified as a close contact of a positive case.

#### **What is beyond our control**

Compliance with testing, noting that there may be confusion around the need for PCR testing if symptomatic.

#### **What is being done**

Anyone travelling to Glasgow is strongly encouraged to access testing locally and test themselves before travel. Anyone attending any non-Blue Zone event is encouraged to test themselves before attending the event, as part of a twice weekly testing routine.

Packs of LFD tests for at-home use are already available to collect from many test sites, from local pharmacies and can be ordered to your home.

To support testing among those travelling to COP26 related events, many of whom will have travelled from out with Scotland, multiple enhancements are being made to the existing testing system.

Glasgow City Council, NHS GG&C, NHS NSS and other local partners are working with stakeholders to deploy additional Targeted Community Testing sites in Glasgow at several transport hubs, places of worship and hotels. These will make it easier for members of the public to collect packs of LFD kits to self-test in their residence.

Edinburgh City Council, NHS Lothian, NHS NSS and other local partners are working with stakeholders to deploy additional Targeted Community Testing sites in Edinburgh at Edinburgh Waverley Station and Edinburgh Bus Station.

Glasgow City Council, NHS GG&C, NHS NSS and the Scottish Government are working with Civil Society groups to support testing arrangements within the population groups they represent. Glasgow City Council, NHS GG&C, NHS NSS and the Scottish Government are supporting the UN run YOUNGO conference to deploy LFD kits to its delegates to self-test in their residence

Pharmacies across the Central Belt are encouraged to increase their holding stock of LFD tests prior to the event.

In Greater Glasgow and Clyde, there are 20 walk-through local test sites (as of 29 Oct 2021), a number of mobile testing units, and a drive-through regional test site at Glasgow Airport. We are working with partners to increase PCR sample collection capacity – from 9,000 to 15,000 by the start of COP26.

As part of a trial, and to support access to LFD kits, 4 MTUs that are being deployed to support the conference will provide access to both PCRs and LFDs.

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<b>COP26 Daily Ministerial Brief</b>	
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<b>Attached</b>	<p>This Ministerial Briefing Pack includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANNEX A – CURRENT ISSUES</li> <li>• ANNEX B – OPERATIONAL UPDATES (Transport, Safety &amp; Security, Health)</li> <li>• ANNEX C – RUNNING MEDIA ISSUES</li> </ul>

### **ANNEX A – CURRENT ISSUES**

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### **ANNEX B – OPERATIONAL UPDATES (Transport, Safety & Security, Health)**

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### **5. COVID & PUBLIC HEALTH**

#### **COVID-19**

- The number of newly reported cases on 12 November 2021 is 3349, a slight increase from the 3340 new cases reported on 11 November 2021.
- The COVID-19 picture in Scotland remains stable overall in terms of admissions and serious illness. The 7-day rolling average of new cases continues to climb slowly.
- COVID-19 hospital admissions and numbers of patients in hospital with COVID-19 have decreased slightly over the past 2 weeks.

- Among Blue Zone passholders, 12463 LFD test results were reported on 11 November 2021, of which 17 were positive. To date, 150 positive LFD results from 160193 tests have been reported (0.09% test positivity).
- On 11 November 2021, there were 11 newly reported PCR confirmed cases among Blue Zone passholders. This brings the overall total of PCR confirmed cases among passholders to 83.

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### **ANNEX C – RUNNING MEDIA ISSUES**

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**Document 1:** Email Exchange – COP26 – Green Zone and Covid Certification.

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**Subject:** RE: IMMEDIATE: COP26 - Green Zone & Covid Certification

Sorry Redacted, nothing more on engagement I'm afraid, I had a couple of phone calls with Cabinet Office about this and they made clear the UN would have strong views about any more to differentiate between vaccines and treat delegates from some countries different to others simply because of their vaccine, but they didn't speak directly to UN about it (largely because it would have created the diplomatic tensions we were trying to avoid).

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**Subject:** RE: IMMEDIATE: COP26 - Green Zone & Covid Certification

**Importance:** High

Hi Angus,

Thanks for your lightning reply!

Was the Cabinet Office engaging with the UN on our behalf? It would be helpful to have a bit more on stakeholder engagement (any published or unpublished meeting notes, or at least a list of orgs Cabinet Office engaged with) so we flesh out the Stakeholder Engagement sections in the IAs.

Kind regards,

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Consultation was with Cabinet Office (who are the organisers of the Green Zone during COP and also lead on engagement with the UN) and Glasgow City Council.

In terms of mitigations, the main one is the daily test, but others are:

- Mask wearing
- Hand hygiene, including signage across the site encouraging regular washing and sanitising
- Regular cleaning, including overnight deep cleaning
- Physical distancing of at least 1m wherever possible

Hope this helps

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**Importance:** High

Hi Angus,

I hope this e-mail finds you well.

My team is working on the Impact Assessments that are to go with the latest



regulations that treated all COP26 blue-pass holders as fully vaccinated for the purposes of entering the Green Zone, as per your sub below.

We were wondering if there was any stakeholder engagement undertaken at all prior to the sub being sent up (or after) that we could refer to in the IAs – the BRIA in particular has a whole section on Consultation. I have read your sub but there's nothing to this effect.

Also, in your sub you say '*Blue Zone pass holders will have needed to provide proof of a negative lateral flow test to enter the Blue Zone and will be subject to enhanced public health mitigations whilst they are there.*' May we ask, what are these enhanced PH mitigations?

We are having the IAs reviewed by Liz & Marion this afternoon prior to going to SGLD, so **a reply ASAP** will be highly appreciated.

Thanks in advance, I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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