



## **NFDA COVID-19 – Briefing 25.02.2022**

### **Easing of restrictions across the UK**

#### **England:**

- There is not a legal requirement to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19. The Government advise you stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people.
- You do not have to take daily tests or be legally required to self-isolate following contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme will end. If you were told to self-isolate before 24 February you can still make a claim up to 6 April.

#### **Scotland:**

- Vaccine certification will no longer be legally required from Monday 28 February, although the app will remain available so any business that wishes to continue certification on a voluntary basis to reassure customers will be able to do so.
- Current legal requirements on the use of face coverings, the collection of customer details for contact tracing purposes, and for businesses, service providers and places of worship to have regard to guidance on Covid and to take reasonably practicable measures set out in the guidance are expected to be lifted on 21 March, subject to the state of the pandemic.
- Access to lateral flow and PCR tests will continue to be free of charge, ahead of a detailed transition plan being published on the future of Scotland's test and protect programme in March.

#### **Wales:**

- From 18 February domestic COVID Pass will no longer be a legal requirement for entry to events and venues
- From 28 February face coverings legally required only in retail, public transport and health and care settings

#### **Northern Ireland:**

- Covid-19 restrictions in Northern Ireland are no longer legally binding as of 17:00 GMT on Tuesday.
- The need for Covid certificates in nightclubs, face coverings, track and trace requirements and the cap on 30 people in private homes are no longer legal requirements.