



RMI Coronavirus Briefing – 21.01.2022

England: -

England to return to Plan A.

- People will no longer be advised to work from home, face coverings will no longer be mandatory in indoor venues, and organisations will be able to choose whether to require NHS Covid Passes.

Working from Home:

From now the government is no longer asking people to work from home if they can. People should speak to their employers about arrangements for returning to the office, and should follow the Working Safely guidance.

From Thursday 27 January:

- Venues and events will no longer be required by law to use the NHS Covid Pass. The NHS Covid Pass can still be used on a voluntary basis as was previously the case in Plan A.
- Face coverings are no longer required by law in any setting. Public health guidance will remain in place, suggesting individuals should continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- Any local introduction of face coverings must be subject to routine review and removed at the earliest opportunity.

The Government has also announced that that self-isolation regulations will expire on **24 March**. This is a date that could be brought forward, depending on the direction of the pandemic.

Scotland: -

Social distancing:

- From **05:00 Monday 24 January**, restrictions including one metre physical distancing in hospitality and leisure settings and table service in hospitality venues will not be required and attendance limits at indoor events will be removed.

Working from home:

- The legal obligation on employers to let staff work from home where possible will remain. However, the Government will engage with businesses now about a return to a more hybrid approach from the start of February if case numbers continue to decline.

Face masks and Covid certification:

- The use of face coverings in public places and on public transport in addition to the current Covid certification scheme will remain in place to limit the spread of Omicron and reduce pressure on essential services.