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Important Covid-19 Message from Annemarie O'Donnell, Chief Executive

As you will be aware the [Scottish Government's new Strategic Framework](#) for managing Covid-19 infections places each local authority in the country in one of 4 levels. Level one has the fewest restrictions and level 4 is similar to the lockdown we experienced earlier in the year - with the exception that schools will remain open.

Whilst Glasgow is likely to be placed in level three, the decision for Ministers for our city has been between level three and four – rather than between level two and three.

I am asking for your support to **help to keep Glasgow out of level 4 coronavirus measures.**

Let's work together and play our part to help prevent similar lockdown levels to earlier this year. Because we don't want Glasgow to slip towards Level 4. This would not only bring in additional measures that would impact our economy and our road to recovery, but also have an effect on those individuals who are already feeling the impact of the last few months – missing the support of friends and family and normal routines.

We need to take this seriously as we know that Level 4 is a real possibility for us and is already being considered for some of our neighbouring local authorities. We remain at risk of being placed in level four if our infection levels do not begin to fall putting increased pressure onto the NHS.

Please follow the rules to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Through a collective effort we can help keep each other safe and help the city reach a point where restrictions can safely be eased.

Yesterday we reminded you of the [health and safety measures](#) we have in place within our workplace environments. For example, everyone now needs to follow the [Scottish Government advice on face coverings](#) and wear one at work in indoor communal areas (unless exempt) – for example in our admin hubs and corridors. If you don't see the rules being followed in our buildings please talk to your line manager in the first instance or an HR advisor. Say if it's not ok.

So, finally I ask you to please remember that it is your responsibility to follow the government rules on staying safe to help protect yourself, others and our city.

Always follow FACTS for a safer Scotland:

- **Wear a Face covering**
- **Avoid crowded places**
- **Clean hands and surfaces regularly**
- **Stay 2m apart**
- **Self-isolate and book a test if you have Covid-19 symptoms.**

It is very important that if you experience Covid-19 symptoms, you and your household should not leave home, you should self-isolate straight away. Tell your line manager as soon as possible.

[Scottish Government latest guidance](#)

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