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## Allotments and COVID-19

Decisions on whether or not to keep allotment sites open during the COVID-19 outbreak are currently a matter for local authorities and other allotment owners.

Those wishing to access allotments should note that the Scottish Government has instructed people to stay at home. The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 prohibit any person from leaving the place they are living without a reasonable excuse, and ban public gatherings of more than two people. People over the age of 70 are advised to self-isolate.

Scottish Government advice regarding COVID-19 can be accessed via the following links:

Coronavirus (COVID-19): what you need to know:

https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/

NHS Inform guidance:

https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus

Full guidance on staying at home and away from others:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-athome-and-away-from-others/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-awayfrom-others