

## Summary

1. People who test positive for Covid in Scotland can end self-isolation after seven days if they have no fever and record two negative lateral flow tests on days 6 & 7.
2. The move, which takes effect from midnight, brings Scotland into line with England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
3. The second change applies to close contacts of positive cases, including household contacts, who are under 18 years and four months or who are older than that and fully vaccinated (two doses of a vaccine and a booster). The requirement to self-isolate will be replaced by the requirement to take a lateral flow test every day for seven days. Those who are not fully vaccinated will still be asked to isolate for 10 days and be asked to take a PCR test.
4. Asymptomatic people who return a positive lateral flow test will no longer have to confirm their result with a PCR. Instead, Ms Sturgeon says, people should immediately isolate and report their results online so that contact tracing can begin. People who have symptoms should still book a PCR test.
5. First Minister Nicola Sturgeon says existing Covid rules will stay in place and will probably remain until 17 January.
6. She says up to £28m will go to taxi and private hire drivers and operators, £19m will go to beauticians and hairdressers, £5m will go to sport and a further £3m will go to tourism.