

FM statement 11/1/22

- Restrictions on large outdoor events in Scotland, including football matches and concerts, are to be lifted from next Monday.
- First Minister Nicola Sturgeon told the Scottish Parliament that the limit of 500 people would be removed - meaning fans will be back in stadiums when the Scottish Premiership's winter break ends, and for Scotland's Six Nations rugby matches at Murrayfield next month.
- But event organisers will now have to check the vaccine certification of at least 50% of attendees, rather than the current 20%, or at least 1,000 people - whichever figure is higher.
- And from Monday, the definition of "fully vaccinated" for the purpose of vaccine passports will include having a booster if the second dose was more than four months ago.
- The first minister also said the vaccine passport scheme could be extended to more venues.
- Restrictions on indoor events and venues will remain in place until at least 24 January (social distancing, table service and mask wearing in pubs and restaurants)
- For now, the requirement to wear face coverings, work from home, and meet in groups of up to three households will remain.
- Ms Sturgeon also said the latest data gave "some hope that cases may be at or close to the peak".