

## **BREAKING** Masks to remain on public transport and in shops

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon says face covering will remain on public transport and in shops.

It will be reviewed in two weeks time.

Other restrictions such as a requirement for venues to collect contact details will be removed on Monday.

### Summary

1. Nicola Sturgeon has announced that laws on wearing face coverings will not be lifted next week as had been planned.
2. The first minister said people will be required to continue wearing face masks on public transport and in shops until at least early April
3. But social distancing rules in shops and other indoor public settings will be lifted next Monday
4. The announcement comes against the backdrop of a surge in Covid cases in recent weeks
5. A total of 1,996 people were in hospital with Covid yesterday - an increase of 191 on the previous day and not far from the peak seen in January of last year