

## **PANDEMIC EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

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## UPDATE FOR RESIDENTS. 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

During the current COVID 19 outbreak, Sark has adhered to the Bailiwick regulations, and followed the advice and guidelines from Public Health which have always been based on the most up to date medical evidence. It is because of this advice and the efforts of Sark residents that we are able to move more quickly than anticipated towards relaxation of the COVID 19 regulations.

This outbreak has been identified as the new "Kent" variant which is highly transmissible and has a longer incubation period.

Following representation to the CCA by Conseiller John Guille, it has been agreed that as from tomorrow, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Sark will move into stage two from lockdown.

This means that residents can go out for recreation and gatherings of up to 30 people are permitted, but records must be kept of all attendees, face coverings and social distancing applies.

Tradesmen are permitted to work inside premises but must submit a clear method statement to the PEC before commencing work.

Restaurants and pubs can open but with table service only and the following precautions:

Hand sanitizer, social distancing, face coverings and records of customers in pubs & restaurants must be used. Face coverings must be worn when entering or exiting premises and whilst moving around premises, but not when seated.

Face coverings remain mandatory when in public premises, shops, Post Office & Bank.

It is hoped that Sark will move to stage three on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March when all restrictions will be lifted, however this is dependant on Sark remaining COVID free.

Our borders will remain closed to visitors, residents are able to return and are able to travel for medical appointments as approved by Dr Borchardt. All travel must be arranged through the PEC.

The 14-day isolation requirement for everyone arriving in Sark will remain.

We have now vaccinated all residents over 65 and those who are in the higher risk category who wanted to be included in this programme.