



December 21st Covid – 19 Statement

On the 19th of December 2020 there were various changes to the Covid-19 guidance issued by the Government. In light of this, Dog A.I.D is amending operating procedures as follows:

England

Training and assessments remain on hold in Tier 3 areas. This will also apply from the 20th of December in the new Tier 4 restrictions in the South East and East of England.

Trainers and Assessors who reside in Tier 4 areas must not travel to visit clients even if the clients are location in Tier 2 or Tier 1 areas.

Training and assessments can continue in Tier 2 and Tier 1 areas so long as social distancing measures are adhered to.

- **Wash hands** keep washing your hands regularly
- **Cover face** wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- **Make space** stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Due to the high numbers of trainers and clients, Dog A.I.D. office staff are unable to check your local covid restrictions for you. Please check this yourself using the postcode checker available here: <https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions> and follow the guidance accordingly.

Wales

As of the 19th of December, all of Wales is now at alert level 4. The guidance from the Welsh government is that you must only meet people you live with, or who are in your support bubble. This applies both indoors and outdoors and as such Dog A.I.D. face to face training and assessments are currently on hold across the whole of Wales.



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Dog A.I.D. trainers in Wales should continue to support their clients using remote technology such as Zoom, Facetime, phone call or email until these restrictions ease.

Scotland

Training and assessments can continue in Level 1 and 2 areas. Training and assessments should remain on hold in areas of risk level 3 and 4. Please note, the Scottish government have advised that at 00:01 on the 26th of December all of Scottish mainland will enter Level 4. At this point Dog A.I.D. training will cease until these restrictions ease.

Northern Ireland

Additional restrictions will be introduced in Northern Ireland on the 26th of December. At this point all Dog A.I.D. training and assessment will be placed on hold in line with Government regulations for 6 weeks.

This information supersedes any previous covid-19 guidance from the Dog A.I.D. office for clients, trainers and assessors based in England and is accurate on the date published. Dog A.I.D. will continue to monitor and review the situation and will provide updates when required.

END OF STATEMENT

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