

# Dog A.I.D. Covid Update 4th May 2021

# **England**

Face to face training and assessments can continue following the below guidance:

- Sessions including assessments may take place with up to 6 people attending, in any public place **outdoors**. Time in the home should be limited and avoided where possible. If taking place in the home, the client should ensure a window is opened and the room is ventilated both before and during the assessment.
- Both client and trainer/assessor are comfortable, willing and able to attend the session.
- Trainer/Assessor and client should wear face coverings (unless exempt) and maintain social distance throughout the session. For assessments, assessors will have covid-19 guidance notes on their pre-printed assessment forms to help with this.
- All sessions and assessments need to be pre-planned and those attending must not have been advised to self-isolate or be showing any covid-19 symptoms when attending.

### Wales

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### **Scotland**

Following the updates to Scottish Covid-19 guidance: Face to face Dog A.I.D. Training and assessments can now resume so long as the following conditions are met:

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#### Northern Ireland

Face to face training and assessments can continue with the below guidance being followed:

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If you have any questions please contact <a href="mailto:admin@dogaid.org.uk">admin@dogaid.org.uk</a>

This information supersedes any previous Covid-19 guidance from the Dog A.I.D. office for clients, trainers and assessors and is accurate on date of publish: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Dog A.I.D. will continue to monitor and review the situation and will provide updates when required.

**End of Statement**