

Current ICC guidelines for use of the Cois Abhann community Centre have been developed in line with the Government’s Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business, Work Safely Protocol and the updated Reframing the Challenge, Continuing our Recovery & Reconnecting, and based on the latest health guidance available from the Department of Health and the HSE.

Any assembly of people for any purpose is associated with a risk of transmission of infection. This is particularly true during a pandemic. Therefore, the first step in managing the risk is to consider if the assembly of people is required

1. Taking all practical measures to ensure that no one with infectious COVID-19 is present in the group at any time
2. Taking all practical measures to reduce the risk that the virus will spread if introduced
3. Taking all practical measures to reduce the harm that will arise if the virus is introduced and spreads

Current Public Health Measures: 20th September to October 22nd 2021

| Organised indoor events & mass gatherings | | |
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| TYPE OF EVENT | DESCRIPTION | WHAT IS PERMITTED |
| Privately organised social events | e.g. parties, christenings, funerals, communions etc. | Easing of capacity limit restrictions does not apply to large privately organised social events |
| Meetings essential* | <i>e.g. Small non-social meetings, training and educational programmes</i> | <i>May only take place when it is considered essential, for the operation of the business, that they must take place face-to-face and as a matter of urgency (in advance of the expected move from a restrictions regime on 22 October).</i> |
| Business events | <i>Conferences, trade fairs, exhibitions, and large-scale business events involving external audiences and bingo</i> | <i>Organised indoor events & mass gatherings are permitted with capacity limits of 60% of seated capacity where all patrons are immune (fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19 within previous 6 months) or accompanied minors (under 18). Where patrons have mixed immunity status, organised indoor events / mass gatherings are not permitted</i> |
| Organised indoor group activities | <i>sports, arts, culture, dance classes</i> | <i>Can take place with capacity limits of 40 people (with appropriate protective measures) where all patrons are immune (fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19 within previous 6 months) or accompanied minors (under 18). Where individuals have mixed immunity status, pods of up to 6 participants will be permitted (excluding adult coaches/instructors)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial social distancing between individual pods should be implemented. • The use of masks in indoor settings particularly for those not participating in activity continues to be recommended • Where there is any sharing of equipment, appropriate sanitisation practices should remain in place • To any independent onlooker it should be clear that the pods are completely separate groups operating independent of one another with no interaction or sharing of equipment and there is no opportunity for them to mix or stray into one another’s group or playing space. |
| Gym | | Indoor classes are permitted with reduced capacity. |

*For Food & Beverage services associated Events/Gatherings there will be a requirement to ensure that the numbers permitted equate to 60% of the seated capacity and that the services is provided by external food and beverage companies with enhanced HACCP procedures in place.

Outdoor events

Restrictions on Organised outdoor group activities are removed

Note: where applicable, spectator attendance will remain in line with regulations for events.

A. Recognising the Signs and Symptoms COVID-19

Infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 can cause illness, ranging from mild to severe, and, in some cases, can be fatal. It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to show. They can be similar to symptoms of cold, flu or hay fever.

Common symptoms of coronavirus include:

- a fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above),
- a new cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry,
- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties,
- loss or change in your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal,
- runny or blocked nose,
- nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea, — —
- aches and pains or tiredness,
- sore throat, and
- headache

**REMEMBER SOMETIMES THERE ARE NO SYMPTOMS AT ALL*

A. Individual Responsibility

All individuals will need to continue to monitor the ongoing risk from the disease and take personal responsibility as they take steps individually and collectively in their everyday lives to keep this risk under control.

B. Cois Abhann Responsibility

- Review operations and practices to provide a safe environment for community centre users and staff
- Ensure that general cleaning, storage and cleaning of equipment procedures are in place
- Inform community service users of their responsibilities while on the premises
- Promote good practices (posters, signage, screening etc)
- Advise Community Centre users regarding capacity permitted in each room
- Refer event organisers to the relevant government guidelines

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C. Organiser responsibility

- **Easing of capacity limit restrictions does not apply to large privately organised social events**
- Ensure appropriate measures in place to ensure physical distancing and the prevention of the spread of COVID-19
 - COVID SAFETY CHECK for all admissions to the event
 - Contact details for all admissions for contact tracing purposes
 - HAND WASHING
 - USE HAND SANITISER WHEN HANDS VISIBLY CLEAN
 - COUGH ETIQUETTE
 - PHYSICAL DISTANCING – 2 METRE
 - FACE COVERING*
 - VENTILATION
 - CLEANING AND DISINFECTING all touch surfaces, equipment
 - Process for Dealing with suspected case of COVID-19 in the centre

*Unless having a reasonable excuse as defined in the HEALTH ACT 1947 (SECTION 31A – TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) (COVID-19) (FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN PREMISES AND BUSINESSES) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2020

- Event/meeting organisers should ensure that they have dedicated personnel to implement and operate a robust system that prevents the spread of COVID-19.
- Ensure that persons not adhering to safety guidelines are asked to leave or event cancelled
- Ensure Food and Beverage Services are provided by external company with enhanced HACCP procedures in place
- For indoor live music, drama, live entertainment and sporting events, the audience/spectators should be fully seated. Easing of capacity limit restrictions does not apply to large privately organised social events.
- Organised Business Events: (Conferences, trade fairs, exhibitions, and large-scale business events involving external audiences and bingo)
 - Ensure no more than 60 % capacity of venue is used
 - Ensure that proof of immunity is checked - **Where patrons have mixed immunity status, organised indoor events / mass gatherings are not permitted**
 - Organisers should ensure that their event is in full compliance with the guidelines for **Business Conference and Business Event Venues** available at <https://failtecdn.azureedge.net/failteireland/Guidelines-for-Re-Opening-Business-Conference-and-Business-Event-Venues.pdf> and guidance for indoor hospitality <https://failtecdn.azureedge.net/failteireland/Guidance-for-Indoor-Hospitality.pdf>
- Organised Activities (sports, arts, culture, dance classes)
 - Ensure that no more than 40 are in attendance including adult leaders/instructors
 - Ensure that proof of immunity is checked - **Where patrons have mixed immunity status, pods of up to 6 participants will be permitted (excluding adult leaders/teachers).**
 - Multiple pods will be permissible subject to protective measures.
 - Number of pods will have regard to the size of venue and substantial social distance between individual pods.
 - Sporting activities: ensure full compliance with Sport Ireland Return to Sport Guidance Note September 2021 https://www.athleticsireland.ie/downloads/results/Return_to_Sport_Guidance_September_2021_Final.pdf