

## Covid-19 - IWAJ Guidance - 12 May 2020

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Firstly, we advise all members to heed the advice from the relevant authorities.

All citizens on the island must continue to follow the public health guidance as determined by the governments in both jurisdictions.

The ROI government has published a [Roadmap for Reopening Businesses and Society](#) .

[For information on NI consult the Coronavirus - Our Approach to Decision Making Summary](#)

The Department of Health is leading the government response in Ireland to COVID-19 and are providing up to date information and advice on it's website at <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-health>

Additional resources for information and advice include:

*Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC)* at [www.hpsc.ie](http://www.hpsc.ie)

The HPSC provide advice for the general public and for specific groups and settings.

Waterways Ireland navigations are reopened to those who live within 5K of their nearest waterway/vessel mooring. People should only boat with members of their own household. All locks and service blocks remain closed but power and water services are being restored at public moorings. Social distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette etc must be maintained.

Continue to pay particular attention to correct hand hygiene, cleaning of surfaces, cough/sneeze etiquette and physical distancing (social distancing) – keeping 2m between yourself and anyone not living in the same house / flat / boat as you.

If you are feeling unwell, with a fever and/or cough, stay at home and phone your GP. Do not go to the doctor or local hospital, unless advised to do so following the telephone call. Your GP will arrange for you to be tested if you meet the new testing criteria. In the meantime, you must self-isolate at home.

Face-to-face meetings, such as branch meetings, **must be postponed**. Where Branch committees wish to continue to perform their duties, this can only be done using technology to manage meetings rather than face-to-face. For example; skype meetings, conference calls, email discussions, whatsapp discussions. All planned indoor gatherings **must be postponed**.

All outdoor gatherings are banned, therefore all cruises in company, rallies and work parties **must be postponed**. You are now permitted to travel 5K for exercise purposes only. Any other travel must be for essential purposes only.

Executive will update this guidance as the situation develops but it is essential that members keep themselves informed using the information at the links above.