

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR COMHALTAS

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Comhaltas Guidelines and Communications distributed to Comhaltas units are based on Government Guidelines in the Republic of Ireland. All units should first and foremost adhere to the guidelines issued by the jurisdiction they are governed by.

Organisers of indoor group activities can have 100% capacity with a COVID-19 Pass and photo ID (includes accompanying minors). These events should ensure that appropriate protective measures are in place, and where indoor groups have a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated people indoors, pods of 6 should apply. Multiple pods will be permissible subject to protective measures. Fixed capacity limits will not apply to these indoor group activities.

There is a requirement for <u>EU Digital COVID Certificate (COVID-19 pass)</u> (vaccine or recovery certificate) for indoor performances such as seisiúns, céilís or shows. It is a requirement to have pre-bookings for such events where members of the public can attend, facilitated online if possible. This will help to control numbers attending and also assist with contact tracing requirements.

For indoor live music, drama and live entertainment audience/spectators should be fully seated (standing permitted at your seat).

We must continue to exercise caution and implement recommended guidelines including washing of hands, sanitising stations, wearing of facemasks, social distancing where possible, cleaning schedules, ventilation etc.

Useful links:

HSE Covid-19 information:

https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/

Update information note on restrictions for DTCAGSM sectors https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/35bb8-covid-19-sectoral-guidance/

Guidelines for entertainment sector:

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/