



## **COVID-19 UPDATE FOR COMHALTAS ACTIVITIES**

The Government's medium-term plan for Living with Covid-19 was unveiled on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The 'framework for restrictive measures' consists of **five levels**.

The lower levels will be activated when there is low incidence of the disease, with isolated outbreaks and low community transmission.

The higher levels will be used to deal with higher incidences of the disease.

**Level 2** applies to the country at present (with some exceptions for Dublin).

It is essential that all units keep up to date on the Level number that their county is currently placed in. All activities must be guided by the guidelines for that level.

Furthermore 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.

In relation to Comhaltas activities and organised indoor activities the following taken from <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/18e18-level-2/> is relevant:

### **Organised Indoor Activities**

**These are controlled environments with a named event organiser, owner or manager.**

**For example: business, training events, conferences, events in theatres and cinemas or other arts events (excluding sport).**

**Up to 50 patrons are permitted and in pods or groups of up to 6 if appropriate, with arrangements to ensure no intermingling of groups.**

**Up to 100 patrons are permitted for larger venues where strict 2 metre seated social distancing and one-way controls for entry and exit can be implemented.**

**For very large purpose built event facilities (for example: stadia, auditoriums, conference or event centres) specific guidance will be developed with the relevant sectors to take account of size and different conditions for larger events.**

### **Guidelines for Comhaltas classes under Level 2:**

- **Up to 50 are permitted at indoor events e.g. music classes with social distancing guidelines adhered to (currently 2 metres).**
- **Social distancing must be adhered to at all times.**
- **There must be no contact between students in different classes.**
- **No shared resources between students/classes.**
- **One class per student per night.**
- **All current guidelines must be adhered to.**
- **Arrive, Partake and Leave.**
- **Reference COVID-19 Guidelines for Comhaltas Units & Activities.**