

Covid-19 - IWAI Guidance – 1st May 2021

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We continue to advise all members to heed the advice from the relevant authorities and to follow the public health guidance as determined by the governments in both jurisdictions.

Published government documents detailing increasing restrictions at various levels

ROI Roadmap for Resilience and Recovery

NI 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/departments/departments-of-health>

Waterways Ireland has issued Marine Notice #19/21 which can be accessed at

<https://www.waterwaysireland.org/news-centre/marine-notices/1177/marine-notice-no-19-of-2021---shannon-navigation-shannon--erne-waterway-grand-canal-royal-canal-barrow-line-and-navigation---reopening-of-navigations-from-monday-10-may-2021>

Travel within your county is now permitted with country-wide travel permitted from May 10th 2021.

All navigations are fully open with locks and bridges on summer opening hours. Service blocks are also open. You should remain only boat with members of your household or social bubble and continue to observe social distancing.

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.

IWAI has released an infographic on social distancing while boating.

Branches can only meet using technology e.g. skype/zoom meetings, conference calls, email discussions, WhatsApp

No indoor gatherings are allowed and up to 15 persons max can meet outdoors whilst maintaining social distancing and all other public health measures.

However all IWAI organized events, with the exception of work parties, remain postponed and any events that do take place may not be covered by IWAI insurance at this time.

If a branch wishes to organise a work party they must contact the Vice President in advance at vpresident@iwai.ie

If you are feeling unwell, with a fever and/or cough, stay at home and phone your GP.

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.