

## Covid19 Frequently Asked Questions

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- Can the club open indoor facilities like meeting rooms and toilets? Yes, indoor areas can be opened for up to 50 people subject to a risk assessment and the Health and Safety Authority provide cleaning details here <u>https://www.hsa.ie/eng/topics/covid-19/return to work safely templates checklists and posters/employers checklist no5 cleaning-and-disinfection1.pdf</u>
- 2. Can we arrange competition between clubs? Yes, the government guideline is that up to 200 people can attend an outdoor event/race subject to meeting all recommended Covid19 best practice as per the Athletics Ireland guidelines.
- 3. Are all ages allowed to train at the Club? Yes, all ages can now return to train and all Athletics Ireland registered members insurances are in full operation.
- 4. Can we open our Club gym? Yes, subject to a risk assessment and cleaning policy to ensure the safety of all members gyms can open with a maximum of up to 50 people (area permitting).
- 5. Do athletes have to social distance when passing on the track? No, athletes can reduce social distancing in an intermittent manner like passing on a track. However, as much as possible best practice is to maintain social distancing whilst training.
- 6. Do we have to continue booking into the Club prior to training? Yes, the booking of all individuals attending the Club is an essential tool for contact tracing in the event of an infected person presenting to the Club. The Athletics Ireland booking app is an essential tool in assisting Clubs to make bookings electronically.
- 7. Do we have to complete the health questionnaire each time we attend the club? Yes, online or on paper, the health questionnaire is a declaration of how you feel just before you use the club facilities and works in tandem with the club booking system. It is essential that no one is showing symptoms of Covid19 on the day of training, hence the need to complete the form on the day of each training. The link below summarises how your Club can set up a free online record of your members health status.

https://www.athleticsireland.ie/downloads/other/Club Covid Protocols Summary 25th Ju ne\_2020.pdf

- 8. Can athletes from other clubs use our facilities? Yes, if they are registered members of Athletics Ireland and they have permission from your Club they can attend sessions at your Club once they have complied with the COVID 19 requirements of contact tracing via the club booking system, social distancing, good infection control, and have completed the health questionnaire prior to or on arrival.
- 9. Can I attend training if I feel well but have been sent for a COVID 19 test? No, not until your test results are known. If your result is negative for COVID 19 then you can resume club activities if you feel well.
- 10. Who is responsible for reporting suspected or know cases of COVID 19 to the HSE? Notification should be made by a general practitioner as soon as they become aware or suspect that a person on whom they are in professional attendance with, is

suffering from or is the carrier of an infectious disease. If you suspect you have COVID 19 you must attend your general practitioner.

11. Do we need to continue sanitising our hands pre and post training, observing correct etiquette re coughing, and cleaning all equipment after use? Yes, the established protocols regarding sanitary behaviour will remain in place until government guidelines are relaxed.

We encourage all our members to download and use the COVID Tracker app released by government this week and found here <u>https://www.gov.ie/en/service/da832-download-the-covid-tracker-app/</u>