



Covid-19: Guidelines on Safe Return to Gaelic Games

All players / members should note that participation is on an opt-in/opt-out basis

9th June 2020

Preparing for a safe return

- Preparing Facilities
- Covid Supervisors -What they are - the need to complete the Education module
- Scheduling activities
- Educating Club members

Information for Players & Team Personnel

Control Measures

- Completion of Education Module
- Hygiene best practice
- Adherence to Social Distancing (phase 3)
- Reducing contact to a minimum (phase 4)
- No access to changing rooms
- Travel to and from training
- No indoor meetings
- The Health Questionnaire (final version to follow see sample below)

APPENDIX 1 - HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE FORM FOR GAELIC GAMES

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

TEAM: _____

NAME OF GP: _____

1. Have you been diagnosed with or do you believe you may currently have COVID-19?

Yes _____

No _____

2. Have you had any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

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| High temperature (i.e. over 37.5c) Yes _____ No _____ | Loss of sense of smell, of taste or distortion of taste Yes _____ No _____ |
| New unexplained shortness of breath Yes _____ No _____ | Have you been in contact with a COVID-19 confirmed or suspect case in the previous 14 days Yes _____ No _____ |
| A new continuous cough Yes _____ No _____ | |

3. Please indicate Temperature as recorded today _____

If you have answered **YES** to any of these questions or if your temperature as recorded today was over 37.5c, you should stay at home and contact your GP by phone for further advice.

If you have answered **NO** to all of the above questions, and your temperature as recorded today is lower than 37.5c you may train or play with your team on the date specified above. Please sign this form to confirm that the details above are true to the best of your knowledge, that you or your guardian have completed the Gaelic Games online Education Module and to confirm that you understand the risks involved in participation, are participating on a voluntary basis and that you may opt-out at any time.

Signed:* _____

**(For underage players, this document should be signed by a Parent or Guardian)*

The GAA envisages the reopening of its playing facilities (pitches) only once the Government has moved to phase 3 of the Roadmap.

In order to ensure your club is ready for a safe return in Phase 3 you need to ensure the following;

1. The roadmap document has been circulated to all players and backroom personnel intending to return to play.
2. You have familiarised yourself with the basic medical information in the Roadmap document.
3. You have prepared your facilities as outlined above.
4. The chair / Secretary of the club – or their nominees – have completed the online Gaelic Games Education module.
5. Each team returning to training has a nominated Covid supervisor who has completed the online Education module.
6. A timetable is in place so that individual teams in each club are aware of their allocated training times.
7. All participants have completed the online Education module.
8. A system is in place for the completion of the Health questionnaires and the recording of temperatures.

Each GAA phase is subject to the Government moving on to their next phase - **delays will delay GAA**

▪ **Phase 2 – June 8th**

- Walkways only opened
- GAA pitches to remain closed
- All GAA buildings to remain closed
- Individual training in line with Government recommendations
- Gaelic Games Covid Education module to be developed and Officer/Player training plan rolled out

▪ Phase 3 – June 29th

- GAA pitches to open for small group training (adult and Juvenile)
- All buildings remain closed (exception: toilet)
- All Training is non-contact in this phase
- Small groups = 15 players/ 2 coaches in a dedicated area of the field
- Players arrive and depart toggged out – “principle of get in, train and get out”
- Health Questionnaire must be completed
- Covid Supervisor for each team – collates health questionnaires, permits entry, keeps record for potential contact tracing,
- Underage players must be dropped off/collected
- Only players/management permitted entry to grounds
- Running, Aerobic, Agility, ball work – social distancing
- No sharing of equipment (e.g. water bottles)

▪ Phase 4 – July 20th

- Return to contact training
- Club Games from Fri July 31st
- Buildings remain closed
- Health Questionnaire, Covid Supervisor, collation of data still in place
- Further information on spectators, spectator safety should be available at this point – will be issued to clubs as we get it.

▪ Phase 5 – August 10th

- Club games continue
(window with Co Players: July 31st to Oct 11th)
- Access to facilities permitted, subject to social distancing, regular cleaning etc
- County training resumes Sept 14th
- Inter County schedule to start no earlier than Oct 17th
- Document flags that CCCC will produce full intercounty fixtures schedule once Phase 3 is reached.

The following additional information will be provided separately;

- Games Development info (Coaching in a non-contact environment)
- Facilities safety checklists and advice
- Details on access training / education modules
- Recording temperatures of participants, best equipment
- Simple Signage

The Educational components will be available via

- eLearning modules
- Webinars
- Additional resources

The eLearning module will be open to the general public via the GAA Learning portal. It will last approx. 15 minutes using interactive learning technology.

- It will include a basic knowledge check
- Participants will be able to gain proof of completion at the end of the module
- **These will be available from Friday 12th June**

The Live webinars will be aimed at Covid Supervisors.

- Other interest parties may take part as 20k persons can be reached on each webinar
- **These are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 16th June**

The additional resources will include

- How to do video's e.g. How to complete the Health Questionnaire
- Posters for Club facilities
- These will be available via a dedicated section of the eLearning portal - learning.gaa.ie/covid19
- **These will be available from Friday 12th June**