



Marine Notice No. 32 of 2020

Notice to all domestic passenger vessel operators, including passenger boat and passenger ship operators

Reminder Covid-19 Guidance Issued: Domestic passenger vessels

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, would like to remind all domestic passenger vessel operators of the following guidance which they should take account of in order to implement appropriate measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on their services.

1. COVID-19 Maritime Travel Protocol

[This agreed protocol](#) has been put together through collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including the shipping industry, ports and the Department of Health. The protocol has due regard to the National Guidance in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and maintain passenger safety.

2. COVID-19: Guidance for Ferries to Off-Shore Islands

[This guidance document](#) gives general advice about preventing the spread of COVID-19 for transport services (such as ferries) to the offshore islands in Donegal, Mayo, Galway and Cork. It highlights some specific relevant information and signposts to relevant advice/guidance available on the HSE, Department of Health and/or Government websites.

3. Return to Work Safely Protocol

[The Return to Work Safely Protocol](#) is designed to support employers and workers to put measures in place that will prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Protocol should be used by all workplaces to adapt their workplace procedures and practices to comply fully with the COVID-19 related public health protection measures identified as necessary by the HSE.

4. Fáilte Ireland: COVID-19 Safety Charter

[The COVID-19 Safety Charter](#) is a Government-endorsed initiative to reinforce confidence in domestic and overseas visitors in tourism businesses. The COVID-19 Safety Charter is designed to give comfort and reassurance to employers, employees and customers that your business is ready to re-open safely.

Please note, vessel operators should also refer to the Fáilte Ireland [Industry Guidelines](#) incorporating the latest Health Protection Surveillance Centre advice in relation to physical distancing requirements for the various businesses operated on board, in particular the guidelines for pubs, restaurants and cafes.

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