

IPAS OPERATIONAL RESPONSE TO NATIONAL FRAMEWORK ON LIVING WITH COVID 2020/2021 - A GUIDE FOR CENTRE MANAGERS AND RESIDENTS

NATIONAL RESTRICTION LEVEL	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
GENERAL VISITORS AND ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO CENTRE RESIDENTS	<p>Friends and Family In centres that provide <i>own-door accommodation</i> (e.g. apartments or separate houses with just one household) visitors are allowed subject to national level 1 restrictions.</p> <p>In <i>communal/congregated centres and facilities</i> visitors are allowed only in areas/rooms designated by centre management up to Max 4 from 2 households.</p> <p>Other Visitors IPAS staff and other State Services, NGOs, Friends of Centre, Legal Representatives.</p> <p>All visitors must book in advance, leave details for contact tracing, observe proper hygiene and follow social distancing measures in place at the centre.</p>	<p>Friends and Family In centres that provide <i>own-door accommodation</i> e.g. apartments or separate houses with just one household) visitors are allowed subject to national level 2 restrictions.</p> <p>In <i>communal/congregated centres and facilities</i> visitors are allowed only in areas/rooms designated by centre management up to Max 4 from 2 households.</p> <p>Other Visitors IPAS staff and other State Services, NGOs, Friends of Centre, Legal Representatives.</p> <p>All visitors must book in advance, leave details for contact tracing, observe proper hygiene and follow social distancing measures in place at the centre.</p>	<p>Friends and Family In centres that provide <i>own-door accommodation</i> e.g. apartments or separate houses with just one household) visitors are allowed subject to national level 3 restrictions.</p> <p>In <i>communal/congregated centres</i> or facilities visitors are allowed only in areas/rooms designated by centre management up to Max 2 from 1 household.</p> <p>Other Visitors IPAS Staff and other State Services, NGOs, Friends of Centre, Legal Representatives.</p> <p>All visitors must book in advance, leave details for contact tracing, observe proper hygiene and follow social distancing measures in place at the centre.</p>	<p>Friends and Family No visitors allowed.</p> <p>Other Visitors Essential workers only (including IPAS staff).</p>	<p>Friends and Family No visitors allowed.</p> <p>Other Visitors Essential workers only (including IPAS staff).</p>
VISITS BY ORGANISATIONS, COMPANIES AND PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO CENTRE MANAGEMENT	<p>No restriction.</p> <p>All service providers subject to contact tracing recording and observance of social distancing and proper hygiene.</p>	<p>No restriction.</p> <p>All service providers subject to contact tracing recording and observance of social distancing and proper hygiene.</p>	<p>Essential services only.</p> <p>IPAS Staff and other State Services, general service providers, onsite childcare, cleaning and maintenance staff, utility supply workers etc.</p> <p>All service providers subject to contact tracing recording and observance of social distancing and proper hygiene.</p> <p>Letters authorising centre staff as essential workers for travel purposes can be obtained from IPAS on request.</p>	<p>Essential services only.</p> <p>IPAS Staff and all other State Services, general service providers, onsite childcare, cleaning and maintenance staff, utility supply workers etc.</p> <p>All service providers subject to contact tracing recording and observance of social distancing and proper hygiene.</p> <p>Letters authorising centre staff as essential workers for travel purposes can be obtained from IPAS on request.</p>	<p>Urgent and essential business only.</p> <p>IPAS Staff on essential business only. Essential workers (emergency services, food deliveries, emergency repair workers).</p> <p>Letters authorising centre staff as essential workers for travel purposes can be obtained from IPAS on request.</p>
OVERNIGHT ABSENCES	<p>General overnight absences Yes – 2 consecutive nights only with specific conditions (see notes D and E below). No quarantine required on return if conditions met.</p> <p>Overnight absence for medical reasons Overnight absences for medical care in a recognised medical facility are permitted with no limit on number of nights. No quarantine required on return.</p>	<p>General overnight absences Yes – 2 consecutive nights only with specific conditions (see notes D and E below). No quarantine required on return if conditions met.</p> <p>Overnight absence for medical reasons Overnight absences for medical care in a recognised medical facility are permitted with no limit on number of nights. No quarantine required on return.</p>	<p>General overnight absences Overnight absences permitted only in emergency situations (e.g. family emergency) and on request to IPAS either directly or through centre management (see notes D and E below for more additional info). No quarantine required on return if conditions met.</p> <p>Overnight absence for medical reasons Overnight absences for medical care in a recognised medical facility are permitted with no limit on number of nights. No quarantine required on return.</p>	<p>General overnight absences Overnight absences permitted only in emergency situations (e.g. family emergency) and on request to IPAS either directly or through centre management (see notes D and E below for more additional info). No quarantine required on return if conditions met.</p> <p>Overnight absence for medical reasons Overnight absences for medical care in a recognised medical facility are permitted with no limit on number of nights. No quarantine required on return.</p>	<p>General overnight absences Overnight absences permitted only in emergency situations (e.g. family emergency) and on request to IPAS either directly or through centre management (see notes D and E below for more additional info). No quarantine required on return if conditions met.</p> <p>Overnight absence for medical reasons Overnight absences for medical care in a recognised medical facility are permitted with no limit on number of nights. No quarantine required on return.</p>

DISPERSALS	Yes. Dispersals open to all centres where no current outbreak exists.	Yes. Dispersals open to all centres where no current outbreak exists.	Dispersals only permitted in following circumstances: -where certified as essential by qualified medical practitioner - where requested by Gardaí for reasons of safety and security of one or more residents -where deemed necessary by IPAS for operational reasons including family reunification purposes. All persons being dispersed from Baleskin must have completed 14 days quarantine on arrival into the system and be asymptomatic for at least 5 days. All planned dispersals must be notified to Public Health officials with responsibility for Baleskin.	Dispersals only permitted in following circumstances: -where certified as essential by qualified medical practitioner - where requested by Gardaí for reasons of safety and security of one or more residents -where deemed necessary by IPAS for operational reasons including family reunification purposes. All persons being dispersed from Baleskin must have completed 14 days quarantine on arrival into the system and be asymptomatic for at least 5 days. All planned dispersals must be notified to Public Health officials with responsibility for Baleskin.	Dispersals only permitted in following circumstances: -where certified as essential by qualified medical practitioner - where requested by Gardaí for reasons of safety and security of one or more residents -where deemed necessary by IPAS for operational reasons including family reunification purposes. All persons being dispersed from Baleskin must have completed 14 days quarantine on arrival into the system and be asymptomatic for at least 5 days. All planned dispersals must be notified to Public Health officials with responsibility for Baleskin.
	Yes. Subject to the availability of suitable alternative accommodation, transfers can be made to and from all centres <u>where no current outbreak exists</u> . No quarantine required. Transfers to and from centres with COVID outbreak (2 or more active cases) not permitted- except in urgent cases and subject to agreement with relevant Public Health officials.	Yes. Subject to the availability of suitable alternative accommodation, transfers can be made to and from all centres <u>where no current outbreak exists</u> . No quarantine required. Transfers to and from centres with COVID outbreak (2 or more active cases) not permitted- except in urgent cases and subject to agreement with relevant Public Health officials.	Transfers only permitted in following circumstances: -where certified as essential by qualified medical practitioner - where requested by Gardaí for reasons of safety and security of one or more residents -where deemed necessary by IPAS for urgent operational reasons including family reunification purposes. All transfers subject to 14 days quarantine.	Transfers only permitted in following circumstances: -where certified as essential by qualified medical practitioner - where requested by Gardaí for reasons of safety and security of one or more residents -where deemed necessary by IPAS for urgent operational reasons including family reunification purposes. All transfers subject to 14 days quarantine.	Transfers only permitted in following circumstances: -where certified as essential by qualified medical practitioner - where requested by Gardaí for reasons of safety and security of one or more residents -where deemed necessary by IPAS for urgent operational reasons including family reunification purposes. All transfers subject to 14 days quarantine.
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REACCOMMODATION REQUESTS	Yes. Subject to 14 days quarantine and only to centres free from COVID.	Yes. Subject to 14 days quarantine and only to centres free from COVID.	Yes. Subject to 14 days quarantine and only to centres free from COVID.	Yes. Subject to 14 days quarantine and only to centres free from COVID.	Yes. Subject to 14 days quarantine and only to centres free from COVID.
WORK ATTENDANCE	Follow Government guidance and under national living with COVID plan and any related public health advice.	Follow Government guidance and under national living with COVID plan and any related public health advice.	Follow Government guidance and under national living with COVID plan and any related public health advice.	Follow Government guidance and under national living with COVID plan and any related public health advice.	Follow Government guidance and under national living with COVID plan and any related public health advice.
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	Yes. Subject to HSE guidance and protective measures in place in schools.	Yes. Subject to HSE guidance and protective measures in place in schools.	Yes. Subject to HSE guidance and protective measures in place in schools.	Yes. Subject to HSE guidance and protective measures in place in schools.	Check latest Government Advice.
IPAS INSPECTIONS & CLINICS	All IPAS outreach services operational. IPAS ID required for travel .	All IPAS outreach services operational. IPAS ID required for travel.	All IPAS outreach services operational. IPAS ID required for travel.	IPAS Inspections/visits limited to cases of urgent operational need. Virtual IPAS clinics only. IPAS ID and letter of authorisation required for travel.	IPAS Inspections/visits limited to cases of urgent operational need. Virtual IPAS clinics only. IPAS ID and letter of authorisation required for travel
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Where individual cases or an outbreak of COVID-19 have been identified in an IPAS accommodation centre or in Baleskin Reception Centre, local, regional or national public health restrictions may supersede any of the actions listed above.

[B]

This document should be read in conjunction with the National Living with COVID Plan which can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/resilience-recovery-2020-2021-plan-for-living-with-covid-19/#> .

[C]

Children should continue to attend school, subject to local HSE public health advice and in keeping with any guidance/advice issued by the Department of Education and Skills. Adults need to comply with guidance issued by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science regarding their attendance at courses in the Further and Higher Education Sector.

[D]

Specific conditions of overnight absences include a requirement for residents to notify centre staff as to where they will be staying, providing contact details, downloading the COVID tracing app, and agreeing to comply with any guidance and instructions from public health where a resident is found to be a close contact of a positive case.

[E]

Unless they have received express permission from IPAS, any resident absent from the centre longer than the period allowed under each level will be required to reapply to IPAS for new accommodation for themselves and their family and will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

[F]

IPAS Dispersals from Baleskin, Inter-centre transfers are considered essential work in the context of this guide and should continue wherever possible subject to prevailing conditions.

[G]

IPAS Inspections and Clinics are considered essential work in the context of this guide and should continue wherever possible subject to prevailing conditions.