

DCU Drama Covid-19 Protocol

There are two dedicated Covid-19 coordinators appointed and both have completed the Sport Ireland COVID-19 Return to Sport e-learning course.

Responding to a suspect case and isolation procedures:

- If a society member becomes unwell with symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss or change to sense of smell or taste, or flu-like symptoms, ensure that 2m distance is maintained from the symptomatic person at all times, face coverings are worn and contact the society Covid-19 coordinator(s).
- One of three actions can be taken upon assessment by the Covid-19 coordinator:
 - The unwell individual may be immediately directed to go home independently, call their GP and continue self-isolation at home.
 - If the unwell individual cannot return home independently or without using public transport, they should be directed to the campus designated isolation area and advised to contact their GP. The designated isolation areas are as follows:
 - DCU Glasnevin Campus: Student Health Centre, Henry Grattan Building.
Phone: 01 700 5143 / 5766
 - DCU St Patrick's Campus: Student Health Centre, Block A.
Phone: 01 700 9215
 - DCU All Hallows Campus: Room PG08 in Purcell House.
Phone: as there is no student Health Centre in AHC, please contact the Glasnevin Health Centre at 01 700 5143 / 5766.
 - If the unwell individual needs or requests the ambulance, isolate the area, call the ambulance informing of suspect Covid-19 case. Stay with the unwell individual or call for DCU Security First Aid Response on (01 700) 5999 until the ambulance arrives.
- The society Covid-19 coordinator should notify Clubs and Societies management who should subsequently notify the Chief Operations Officer.
- The Covid-19 coordinator should make available to the COO contact tracing records of any members who have been in contact with the unwell individual. If the individual is found to be Covid-19 positive, the HSE may advise close contacts on any actions or precautions that should be taken.

Control measures before/during activities/events

- A log of attendance will be maintained in a GDPR compliant manner for members taking part in activities. Members will be informed of the purpose of this log.
- We will encourage the use of hand sanitizer before entering rooms.
- We will encourage the wearing of face coverings indoors and in crowded outdoor areas.
- We will enforce social distancing where possible.
- We will clean/sanitize equipment between each use.
- We will allocate attendance per event based on max attendance numbers and room size as outlined by DCU.
- We will remind members to keep the details of their health screening questionnaire up to date (see below).

Health screening questionnaire for members

We plan to put in place a GDPR compliant health screening questionnaire establishing if a member:

- Is displaying Covid-19 symptoms
- Has displayed any symptoms of Covid-19 over the previous 14 days
- Has been advised to self-isolate
- Is awaiting the results of a Covid-19 test
- Has been in contact with a person diagnosed with a positive case of Covid-19 in the previous 14 days

DCU Drama plans to:

- Communicate DCU's suspected Covid-19 case notification and isolation procedure to all members.
- Provide necessary facilities and protocols to isolate potential cases.
- Provide up to date information and guidelines.
- Provide support to anyone who develops symptoms of Covid-19.
- Implement an education and induction plan that is age-appropriate and suitable for those with disabilities.
- Recommend that society members inform the Covid-19 coordinators if they are concerned about other members present at activities/events displaying symptoms of Covid-19.
- Recommend that members who are deemed vulnerable or in a household with vulnerable people should avoid in-person events for their own safety and the safety of others.
- Hold timetabled rehearsals and avoid crossover of casts to minimise contacts.