
LAW SOCIETY COVID-19 STATEMENT

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Executive Summary

This document details the procedures and protocols that the Dublin City University Law Society will implement to manage and reduce the risks of COVID-19 to society members when engaging in social activities.

COVID Coordinators & Committee Responsibility

The Law Society confirms that it has appointed a COVID-19 Coordinator and completed all necessary training. The elected coordinator is responsible for the following:

- Ensure all appropriate COVID-19 Safety Protocols, Risk Assessments and forms are completed and updated as required.
- Remain updated with all new government, health authority, and DCU guidelines on Covid-19.
- Educate all society members of the DCU Protocols & Procedures relating to COVID-19.

Procedural Approach to Suspected Cases of COVID-19

The Law Society is aware of the DCU procedure for prompt identification and isolation of anyone in their activities. The following actions will be taken when responding to a suspect case of COVID-19:

1. If someone becomes unwell with symptoms such as cough, fever, difficulty breathing, keep at least 2 metres away from the symptomatic person and also make sure that others maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the symptomatic person at all times. Contact the Society COVID-19 Coordinator(s).
2. The Society COVID-19 Coordinator should initially assess whether the unwell individual can immediately be directed to go home, call their doctor and continue self-isolation at home.
3. Where the individual needs or requests an ambulance, isolate the area, call the ambulance advising of suspect COVID-19 case, stay with the patient (or call for DCU First Aid Response on 5999) (at least 2m away) and comfort them until the ambulance attends.
4. Where the person does not require an ambulance and cannot return home independently or without using public transport (while maintaining 2 metre distance), the unwell individual should be directed to the campus designated isolation area (see below) and

advised to call their doctor, outlining their current symptoms. On route, advice should be given to the unwell individual to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue or surgical mask if available. The following spaces are designated isolation rooms for staff and students: - Glasnevin Campus - Student Health Centre, Henry Grattan Building - St Patrick's Campus - Student Health Centre, Block A - All Hallows Campus - PG08, Purcell House.

5. The Society COVID-19 Coordinator should notify management who should subsequently notify the Chief Operations Officer (COO).
6. The Society COVID-19 Coordinator should make available to the COO, records kept regarding Direct Contact to identify people who have been in contact with the individual. If COVID-19 positive is confirmed, the HSE may advise direct contacts on any actions or precautions that should be taken.

Attendance of Society Events

The Law Society plans to implement various control processes prior to and during all social events. These include:

- Record attendance of members taking part in activities in a manner which is GDPR compliant
- Inform members of the purpose of taking attendance to ensure total compliance
- Encourage attendees to use hand sanitizer before entering rooms
- Encourage attendees to wear masks
- Enforce social distancing

Members shall not attend social events if:

- They are displaying Covid-19 symptoms.
- They have displayed Covid-19 symptoms in the last 14 days.
- They have been advised to self-isolate or cocoon.
- They are awaiting results from a Covid-19 test.
- They have been in contact with a person diagnosed with a positive case of Covid-19 in the last 14 days.

Review of Protocols & Procedures

Committee members will meet to review the implementation and compliance with protocols. The Society will also ensure that the protocols are updated as necessary as government and DCU guidelines change.