

Startup Society : COVID-19 Protocol

There are two dedicated COVID-19 coordinators appointed and both have completed Sport Ireland: COVID-19 Return to Sport Phase 3 Course

When responding to a suspect case, at Startup there are a number of actions that may need to be taken;

- 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.
- The Society is aware of the DCU procedure for prompt identification and isolation of anyone in their activities who may have symptoms of COVID-19

We plan to

- Log members taking part in activities in a manner which is GDPR compliant
- To inform our members of the purpose of the log and ensure total compliance
- Provide necessary facilities and protocols to isolate potential cases
- Provide up to date information on the latest Govt. advice to members
- Provide advice and support to anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19

Control process before people are permitted into an activity

- We encourage people to use hand sanitizer before entering rooms
- We encourage people to wear masks
- We will enforce social distancing
- We will remind members to keep the details of their health screening questionnaire up to date and if there is any need to update it that we will be notified.
- If someone starts to display symptoms, we will isolate them and respond appropriately as outlined above.

We have put in place a GDPR compliant health screening questionnaire that can establish if a participant

- Has displayed any Covid-19 symptoms over the previous 14 days
- If individuals are self-isolating
- If individuals are not awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test
- If individuals are non-symptomatic
- If individuals have not been in contact with high risk or infected people
- If individuals have sought or received medical advice on COVID-19?
- We will have outlined the maximum number of people per area to maintain social distancing
- We will also outline how the equipment, if used, will be cleaned/ disinfected after each use

There is an education/ induction plan in place which is age-appropriate and suitable for those with disabilities. We recommend that all society members complete the DCU recommended Sport Ireland: COVID-19 Return to Sport Phase 3 Course.

We recommend that all society members educate themselves on the latest up to date advice available at www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/

We will recommend that society members inform themselves on physical distancing, hand hygiene and good respiratory hygiene and etiquette at www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/

We recommend that society members get in contact with (Name of Society) COVID-19 coordinators if they begin to display symptoms of COVID-19. They should also read HSE guidelines on how to react to displaying symptoms of COVID 19.

We recommend that society members inform COVID-19 officers if they are concerned about other members that are present at events that are displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

We 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.

We will hold events in environments where physical distancing can be observed.

When/if travelling outside of the university in groups, we will travel in small pods and wear masks.

We have a protocol for preparation, use and cleaning of shared equipment. (see Equipment Cleaning and Sanitization plan and supplies)

We will hold timetabled sessions to minimise contact and implement a “no handshake” policy.

We will provide appropriate hygiene facilities

Toilet protocol - we will allow one person to leave to the toilet at a time

We encourage DCU's PPE policy as well as wearing masks indoors, keeping physical distance from others and sanitizing hands regularly.