

Erasmus Student Network DCU Covid-19 Protocol

Section 1: Return to Activity

The Erasmus Student Network has appointed three Covid-19 officers for the upcoming academic year. A risk assessment has taken place highlighting potential areas in which transmission could take place during society activities. Strict use of PPE, particularly face coverings, and adherence to social distancing guidelines shall minimise these risks. Furthermore, procedure on how to deal with suspected coronavirus cases has been communicated to all committee members. The society will ensure that members will be informed of their rights and obligations under DCU and government advice before any in-person events take place.

Section 2: Identification and Isolation of Suspected Cases

The society is aware of DCU procedure regarding the prompt identification and isolation of suspected Covid-19 cases. This procedure will be followed strictly in the event of suspected cases at any society event. We shall utilise the Clubs & Socs online platform to ensure that complete attendance logs will be complied with in a GDPR compliant manner. The society shall continue to provide its members with up-to-date government advice and ensure that it is followed at any society events. Any member who develops Covid-19 symptoms at an activity shall be isolated and given the appropriate advice as per DCU guidelines. The member will not be permitted to return to in-person society activities until such a time at which they have tested negative for the virus or no longer display symptoms.

Section 3: Prevention and Control Measures

Members will be required to register for in-person events via the online Clubs & Socs system. It shall be made known to members that under no circumstances should they attend an event if they have displayed symptoms of Covid-19 in the last 14 days or if they have been in contact with a suspected coronavirus case. Social distancing guidelines shall be strictly upheld during in-person events while hand sanitiser, cleaning products, face coverings, and additional PPE (for example, disposable gloves and masks) shall remain on standby for members and the events team.

Section 4: Training and Induction

Committee members have completed the Sport Ireland: Covid-19 Return to Sport Phase 3 Course and will ensure a high standard safety induction (age-appropriate and disability-friendly) to all members wishing to take part in in-person events. Induction training will be updated with the latest government advice as the situation evolves. The society has three appointed Covid-19 officers, namely Ian O' Connor, Louise Farren and Emily McHugh. Throughout our induction procedure members will be informed of the required physical distancing rules (currently 2 metres), along with training on good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Training on the spotting of Covid-19 symptoms as well as advice to minimise the risk to our most vulnerable members shall be provided.

Section 5: Essential Protocol Features

During in-person events the society shall ensure that physical distancing and appropriate hygiene standards are observed. Required hygiene products, cleaning products, and emergency PPE will be provided. An age-appropriate and disability-friendly safety induction will be provided before all events. Appropriate cleaning of facilities will occur before and after in-person events. Records of attendance will be kept in a GDPR compliant manner to assist potential contact tracing efforts if needed. Members shall continue to be informed of their rights and obligations under DCU and government guidelines.