

Re-opening Indoor Hospitality

From July 26th, indoor hospitality can re-open with robust protective measures and adherence to Government regulations in relation to evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or immunity following recovery.



Proof of Immunity

Under Phase 1 of the re-opening plan for hospitality, only those who have proof of immunity can avail of indoor hospitality – this is legislated for under the Health (Amendment)(No.2) Act 2021.

This will typically be the EU Digital COVID Certificate, visit gov.ie for more information on the EU Digital COVID Certificate.

Customers may also be asked to show photo ID to prove that the EU Digital COVID Certificate is theirs.

Businesses will have access to an online scanner to scan the QR code on your EU Digital COVID Certificate.

Businesses may refuse access where people cannot offer proof of vaccination or recovery or cannot demonstrate that their EU Digital COVID Certificate relates to them. If businesses do not operate on this basis, they may be liable for fines or closure.

Closing time remains at 11.30pm for the period of COVID public health restrictions.



Contact Tracing

The lead customer or solo customer at a table will be required to provide contact tracing details. Contact name and telephone number are required and will be securely retained for 28 days and will be compliant with GDPR. Regulation 13 of the Health Act 1947 (Section 31A – Temporary Restrictions) (COVID-19) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 217 of 2021)



Service

Customers can avail of both **table service** and service from a **food service counter** (e.g. carvery, self service or buffet). Food and beverages must be consumed while seated at a table.

Service is permitted for a maximum of 6 persons aged 13 or over per table. This limit of 6 does not include accompanying children aged 12 or younger. The total combined capacity at a table cannot exceed 15 overall (max. 6 persons aged 13 and over). Bar counter service is not permitted.

There is no time limit for tables, other than where one is required by the business.



Safety Precautions

People are reminded of the need to continue to practice good hand hygiene, wearing of face coverings other than when seated and physical distancing. The public health advice is that outdoors is safer than indoors.

We ask that you be respectful of businesses and of others as we enjoy a return to indoor hospitality.

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