

Na Gaeil Notes Monday May 4th 2020

We hope that everybody in our community is keeping safe and well. There is good news for our over seventies that are cocooning at the moment. They can now leave their homes and go for a walk while still being mindful of social distancing. The 2Km travel limit has been increased to 5Km which is great news for us all. As the over seventies are not allowed to go shopping our group of volunteers are available so don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

The government have set out a roadmap for the re-opening of the economy and society. Phase 1 will commence on May 18th and there will be 5 phases in all concluding on August 10th. The government is treading cautiously and rightly so as we don't want a second surge of the corona virus. But it is great to have a timeline for the easing of the different restrictions that are in place and it has to give us reason for optimism. So from Monday May 18th the following come into place.

Community Health: The 5km travel limit will remain in place. Small groups will be able to meet outdoors.

Education & Childcare: Childcare will be allowed for essential health care workers.

Economic Activity & Work: There will be a phased return of outdoor workers but remote working will continue for all that can do so.

Retail, Services & Commercial Activity: Retail that is mainly outdoor plus homeware, opticians, motorcycle and bicycle repair, office products, electrical, IT, phone sales and repair will re-open.

Cultural & Social: Outdoor public amenities including pitches, tennis courts, golf courses, tourism sites, beaches and walks, outdoor sporting and fitness activities in groups of a maximum of 4 people will resume. All these are subject to social distancing.

Transport & Travel: Social Distancing and hygiene measures will continue for public and private transport as passenger numbers increase. There will be specific measures at ports and airports.

Na Gaeil Volunteers Na Gaeil GAA Club volunteers continue to assist those cocooned in our community with their shopping requirements and also collecting medical supplies for them from their local pharmacies. We thank them for their great work. We are getting very positive feedback from the local community and everybody cocooned at home are very appreciative of the great work that you are doing. You are making a difference so keep up the good work. Please let people know that this service is available. You can contact any of the following co-ordinators: Mícheál Herlihy (0862438902); Cathy Carey (0863554499); Eddie Sheehy (0876791460), Colm O'Súilleabháin (0879080465); Tim Lynch (0874184239). You can also contact the shops directly. Please God we will all stay safe and come back stronger. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Sympathy We in Na Gaeil GAA Club offer our sincere sympathy to Brian O'Shea and all the extended O'Shea family on the death of his uncle John O'Shea of Cloonbeg Terrace, Ballymullen last week. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Summer Courses Due to the ongoing Coronavirus / Covid 19 pandemic in Ireland and the impact it's having on cultural events, consequently the Irish / Gaeilge Summer Courses held in Chorca Dhubhne area of West Kerry and the annual GAA Gaeltacht Scholarship scheme have all been CANCELLED for 2020.

Past GAA Matches The GAA in conjunction with the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, have launched the GAA Digital Archive at Croke Park providing free access to past GAA matches to internet users all around the world. 113 All Ireland Finals since 1961 are included in the archive and provincial finals from 1961 also feature. The new archive also include All Ireland Club Finals since 1989. In all over 500 football and hurling matches were retrieved from broadcasters and information such as date, result, venue, referee, scorers and teams and substitutions were added. This might be useful to GAA fans during this time of isolation. The link is <https://www.gaa.ie/gaa-now/archive/>

Juveniles We hope that all our juvenile players are doing well and not finding the restrictions too taxing. The good news for you is that you may be able to get together in groups up to a maximum of four people from Monday May 18th and practice your football skills. Social distancing will have to be adhered to of course. This is a great step forward and I'm sure that you will all act responsibly. There will be more information on this in the coming days.

Club Activities Suspended As we know all club activities are suspended until further notice The pitches and the gym are closed but this could change on May 18th with groups up to a maximum of four coming together to train and work out. This will be clarified in the meantime.

Clubhouse The clubhouse will be closed for the foreseeable future. This means that our Monday night bingo, Tuesday night lotto and Wednesday night card playing are suspended indefinitely as well as all other activities that normally took place there on a weekly basis.

Clothes Collection There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park for use by all members of the public.