

**From:** HQ

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Dear Veterinary Ireland Member,

It is hoped that you are keeping safe and well during these turbulent times.

This COVID-19 Update contains links to advice and information from Irish Government agencies, as well as from the Small Firms Association (SFA) on Government supports for businesses in relation to COVID-19.

Further information will be forwarded to Veterinary Ireland Members, as it becomes available.

If any members have specific queries which Veterinary Ireland Headquarters may be able to assist with, either directly or through third party advice, then please email [HQ@vetireland.ie](mailto:HQ@vetireland.ie).

Keep safe, keep well,

Peter Bishton  
Deputy Chief Executive

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## Veterinary Ireland COVID-19 Update – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### SUMMARY:

- **Veterinary Ireland COVID-19 Website:** Click [HERE](#)
- **Revised Phase 2 Measures in Place from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020:** Click [HERE](#)
- **List of Local Authority Restart Grant Websites:** Click [HERE](#)
- **DBEI Website on Financial Advice and Schemes:** Click [HERE](#)
- **DBEI Supports for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19:** Click [HERE](#)
- **Revenue.ie - COVID-19 Advice and Measures:** Click [HERE](#)
- **National Return to Work Safely Protocol:** Click [HERE](#)
- **Health & Safety Authority (HSA) Advice:** Click [HERE](#)
- **NSAI Guidance for Businesses:** Click [HERE](#)
- **Veterinary Ireland - Living with COVID-19 Document:** Click [HERE](#)

## **ROADMAP FOR REOPENING SOCIETY AND BUSINESS – PHASE 2 FROM 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

### **Public Health Measures in Place from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19**

The Government has revised its Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business, with certain measures brought forward, and the number of phases reduced from 5 phases to 4 phases, with the last phase beginning on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

During Phase 2 you may travel within your own county, or 20 kilometres from your home if you are crossing county boundaries, to visit local venues or amenities such as parks, shops and allotments that have reopened as part of the government's roadmap.

**Full details of the current measures in place from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 can be found [HERE](#).**

The current measures in place from 8<sup>th</sup> June are to remain in force until 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 when Phase 3 is currently scheduled to begin.

The Government advises that **COVID-19 is still in Ireland**, and that **Social distancing** should be maintained **at all times**. Also, that as the country re-opens, it is vital that we all continue to observe the public health guidance. To stay safe, we need to limit where we go and limit the number of people we meet. The Government is also recommending that face coverings be worn in public places, such as shops, and on public transport.

A copy of the **original Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business** can be found [HERE](#).

## **ADVICE FROM SFA**

### **Restart Grant now available for small businesses**

From 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020, the new €250m Restart Grant provides direct grant aid to micro and small businesses to help them with the costs associated with reopening and reemploying workers following COVID-19 closures. The grant is available to businesses with:

- a turnover of less than €5m
- employing 50 people or less, which were closed or impacted by at least a 25% projected reduction in turnover to the end of June 2020

The grants will be equivalent to the rates bill of the business in 2019, or a minimum grant of €2,000, whichever is the higher, with a maximum grant of €10,000. To apply, businesses must fill in an online application form on the website of their local authority.

**A full list of the Restart Grant websites for each Local Authority can now be found on the DBEI Website: Click [HERE](#)**

## [DBEI Website - Information on Financial Supports](#)

The Department of Enterprise, Business & Innovation (DBEI) website has a wide range of [financial supports and guidance available](#) to help businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis – to go to the website Click [HERE](#).

In addition to the website, DBEI has also published (5<sup>th</sup> June) a booklet outlining the “[Supports for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#)” - for a copy, Click [HERE](#).

## [Return to Work Safely - HSA Checklists & Templates](#)

As a service to members, the SFA has created a webpage containing the [checklists and templates](#) available from the Health & Safety Authority (HSA), designed to help businesses get up and running again and to inform workers about what they need to do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.


The templates have been drafted based on the Government’s [Return to Work Safely Protocol](#) and should be read in conjunction with this document. Employers and workers must work together to keep workplaces safe. These checklists will help you to do that.

The Health & Safety Authority (HSA) has a dedicated [COVID19 section](#) on its homepage at which is regularly updated.



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