

Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Covid-19 Precautionary Procedures Updated October 2021



1 Scope

The procedures in this guidance shall relate to face-to-face Fèis activities, public events such as those at local Fèisean or Blas - which involve musicians and others working together in the same vicinity and all other events organised by, or under the banner of, Fèisean nan Gàidheal. For the avoidance of doubt, these procedures are to be followed by Fèisean nan Gàidheal staff, Fèis committee members and other volunteers, as well as any artists and other contractors engaged by Fèisean nan Gàidheal, or individual Fèisean, for the purposes of tuition, performance, livestreaming or provision of technical support.

2 General

- 2.1 Everyone working for or engaged by Fèisean nan Gàidheal or a Fèis must have regard to the latest [Scottish Government General Principles of Good Practice](#) in relation to reducing the spread of Covid-19 as we work towards a full return to face-to-face activities.
 - 2.2 If utilising a venue all personnel must comply, first and foremost, with any Covid procedures put in place by the operators of the premises.
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3 Specific Precautionary Procedures covering Fèisean nan Gàidheal activities

In addition to any precautionary measures in place within any premises being used, or within the scope of the policies of any contractors engaged, Fèisean nan Gàidheal and its members should put in place the following precautionary measures where any of the foregoing activities are taking place.

- 3.1 All personnel who have a smartphone should download the Scottish Government's Protect Scotland app and ensure they are monitoring their interaction with others.
- 3.2 All personnel to be involved should undergo a Lateral Flow Test as close to the activity date as possible. If the result is positive, they should not be permitted to enter the premises or take part in the planned activity. They should take the appropriate action to isolate from people around them and book a PCR test.

- 3.3 If it is not possible for someone to carry out a test before attendance, an electronic thermometer should be available at the venue and the temperature of such individuals tested before allowing them into the premises. If anyone is experiencing an above normal temperature, they will not be permitted to take part in the planned activity and should arrange for a PCR test.
- 3.4 Hand cleansing gels should be available at the venue and must be used by all personnel on entry and frequently during their time on the premises.
- 3.5 In addition to the use of gels, all personnel should wash their hands as frequently as needed while engaged in any activity.
- 3.6 All personnel should wear facemasks at all times, except where exempt for a medical reason, or where their removal is required for the duration of a lesson or performance. They may wear their own but a supply of disposable masks should be available for their use. It is still a requirement that performers wear facemasks unless a distance of 1m is maintained between them at all times.
- 3.7 Venues should be kept adequately ventilated and personnel should spend time out of doors, if possible, observing sanitising procedures on exit and re-entry.
- 3.8 See 3.6. Social distancing is no longer required but it is good practice to maintain safe distances between each other at all times.
- 3.9 Antiviral wipes should be available and all personnel should ensure that all surfaces, with which they have had contact, are thoroughly cleaned before leaving any premises used.
- 3.10 All waste should be carefully disposed of, in sealed bags, at the end of each day or more frequently, if required, as well as before leaving any venue used for the last time.
- 3.11 Fèisean nan Gàidheal will be happy to discuss covering the costs of any further cleaning deemed necessary by the operators of any venue used by the organisation in order to ensure the safety of other users.

4 Covid Risk Assessment

Risk identified	Risk assessment (High, Medium or Low)	How the risk will be controlled	Revised risk assessment
Potential for transmission of Covid-19 by personnel involved in Fèisean nan Gàidheal activities.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 testing, where possible, and temperature testing in all cases to identify potential sufferers of the virus and prevent their participation in planned activities. • Strict adherence to the procedures outlined in this document. 	Low

Getting or spreading Covid-19 by not washing hands or not washing them adequately.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance on hand cleansing which must be adhered to by all personnel involved in the planned activities. 	Low
Getting or spreading Covid-19 through workers living/working together and/or travelling to work together	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling together should be avoided. • Where people must travel together, or if public transport is being used, individuals should wear facemasks and adhere to a hand and surface cleansing regime while travelling. • Individuals should adhere to any regulations on the use of public transport published by Transport Scotland. • Single room accommodation will be provided, where required, to enable individuals to maintain distancing while not working. 	Low
Getting or spreading Covid-19 by not cleaning surfaces, equipment and instruments	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is expected that individuals will take seriously the need to maintain enhanced cleanliness and shall adhere to the procedures outlined in this guidance. 	Low
Getting or spreading Covid-19 by not social distancing	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is expected that individuals will take seriously the need to maintain adequate distancing in line with prevailing regulations and this guidance. 	Low

5 Common Sense and Acting Responsibly

A degree of trust must be placed in the people engaged to provide activities and this will be the case. While the organisation will take any and all precautions it can to ensure Covid-19 is not spread as a result of its activities, individuals and outside contractors must also act responsibly and in line with prevailing regulations. If anyone is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, they should absent themselves from the planned activity. Should it be necessary, all individuals must respect any decision by Fèisean nan Gàidheal, any individual Fèis, or the operators of any premises used by the organisation, to deny them permission to enter the premises or take part in the planned activity.

Further information can be found here (click on text):

[Guidance from the Scottish Government on live performance and events](#)

[Guidance from Youth Link Scotland on working with young people, including risk assessment](#)

[General guidance for voluntary organisations](#)

[Guidance from Musicians Union for Performers](#)

[FnG Fèis Support Pack](#)

[Check- in Scotland toolkit and guidance](#)