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# COVID 19 Prisoner Information

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## Important Updates regarding VISITS and the 'Living with COVID-19' Government plan!

As you may have heard by now, the Government has released a 'Resilience and Recovery plan for living with COVID-19' over the next few months.

### How will these levels affect me and my visitors?

**Dublin Prisons:** Due to the risks posed to you and your family at this time and because of the restrictions in place, **visits will be suspended** while Dublin remains at Level 3. **We are not accepting prisoner property in Dublin prisons at this time.** This will be reviewed in 3 weeks in line with Government decisions.



**All other Prisons:** Physical Visits will remain in place and will be enhanced to allow up to **2 Adults or 1 Adult and 1 Child** to visit every second week from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of September. **Visitors from Dublin should not book visits in prisons outside Dublin.** This will be kept under review in line with Public Health Advice.

**Visiting Committees:** Despite the COVID restrictions, the Visiting Committees continue to visit prisons and are available to meet with you if you wish to raise any matters with them.

**Video Calls:** Video Calls with your family and friends will remain in operation and will be extended to **20 minutes in all prisons from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

**SCHOOLS will remain open in Dublin and in all other prisons!**

# GOVERNMENT PLAN:

In this plan, there are **5 levels** of restrictions that aim to help us go about our daily lives as much as possible, while managing the spread of the virus.

These Levels are applied to each county based on the **current COVID-19 situation** in each county

**At Present, County Dublin is at LEVEL 3 while the rest of the Country is at LEVEL 2.**

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Visitors	10 from 3 households	6 from 2 or 3 households	1 other household	No visitors permitted	No visitors permitted
Gatherings	50 outside your home or garden	6 indoor 15 outdoor	No social or family gatherings	No indoor gatherings	No Except funerals or weddings
Weddings	100 people can attend	50 people can attend	25 people can attend	6 people can attend	6 people can attend
Indoor events	100 Up to 100 can attend indoor gatherings	50 But up to 100 in larger venues	No indoor gatherings	No indoor gatherings	No indoor gatherings
Sports fixtures	100 indoor 200 outdoor	50 indoor 100 outdoor	No matches or events (except elite sport)	No matches or events (except elite sport)	No matches or events
Bars, cafes & restaurants	Open with protective measures in place	Open 6 people from up to 3 households	Open Additional restrictions for indoor dining	Open. Take away or delivery. Outdoor dining only. Max 15 patrons	Open. Take away food or delivery only.
Wet pubs	Open	Open Groups of six from 3 households	Open Additional restrictions	Open outdoor only limited to a max of 15	Only offer takeaway or delivery service
Domestic travel	No restrictions	No restrictions	Stay in your county/region apart from work/education/essential purposes	Stay in your county/region apart from work/education/essential purposes	Stay at home except to exercise within 5km from home
Public transport	Travel off-peak hours or walk/cycle, if possible	Peak hours essential workers/ purposes only; 50% capacity	All hours essential workers/ purposes only; 50% capacity	Avoid public transport, essential workers/ purposes only; 25% capacity	Avoid public transport, essential workers/ purposes only; 25% capacity

## New Directions- Supporting Families of people in Prison

**New Directions** is a new initiative which aims to offer a free, confidential information and support service for families affected by imprisonment. It offers a listening ear and emotional support to help families with the challenges they face.

### New Directions Services include:

- One-to-one support and counselling to family members
- Group support and counselling for the family
- Practical information about the operation of the prison system
- Provision of restorative justice opportunities for families
- Advocate on behalf of families to highlight the impact of parental imprisonment and for enhanced services to meet their needs



New Directions is situated in Clondalkin, Dublin 22 and is **available nationwide** to all families seeking support.

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| FOOTBALL  | HARVEST      | AUTUMN  |
| SWEATER   | LEAVES       | BONFIRE |
| NOVEMBER  | CARNIVAL     | BOOTS   |
| SEPTEMBER | APPLES       | OCTOBER |
| SUNFLOWER | APPLE CIDER  | RAKE    |

