



RETURN TO FLIGHT GUIDELINES UPDATE

Valid as of 8th June 2020

Subject to review as per evolving situation regarding Covid 19 pandemic



Coronavirus COVID 19

Phased lifting of restrictions

Following the update of the Government's phased lifting of Covid-19 restrictions this document is the IHPA's interpretation and recommendations for how flying activities may resume.

Pilots are used to undergoing risk assessment before taking to the air. We ask all pilots to extend their assesment to include minimising the risk of accidental transmission of the Covid 19 virus.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPALS FOR DECISION TO FLY

1. COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

The need for full compliance on the phased lifting of restrictions to ensure free flying remains a 'low risk' activity.

2. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Taking personal responsibility for your own safety and decision making.

3. SELF HELP

Ensure that you have the means to return to landing/take off zone and your transport without assistance in the event of an unexpected non-distress situation.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

Ensure you have assessed the risks associated with the conditions, equipment, flying site, etc. before making the decision to fly.

OVERVIEW OF RETURN TO FLYING FOLLOWING PHASED EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
	18th May 2020	8th June 2020	29th June 2020	20th July 2020
Travel Restrictions	Not more than 5 km to flying site	Within own county, or up to 20km from your home, whichever is greater.	All Ireland travel permitted	
Social Distancing*	Full compliance			
Flying Activities	Restricted to local airspace of site		XC (allowing for Social Distancing)	
Retrieves	Only people from same household			

*Avoid close contact with others • Distance yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people • Meeting other people: You may meet up to 6 people from outside your household both indoors and outdoors for social gatherings. Organised outdoor exercise, sporting, cultural or social activities of up to 15 people may take place. • Don't arrange to meet up with other groups • Avoid an area if it looks very busy and go somewhere else for your exercises or activity.