

Bus and Car Use by Clubs

From the 11/02/2022

Clubs may wish to engage in activities that require the use of buses or cars. These guidelines relating to COVID-19 should be used in conjunction with the range of other Foróige guidelines, documents and procedures, in particular guidelines for Day Trips.

Cars

Leaders may carry young people, or other leaders, in their own cars. Face coverings are not mandatory but may be worn. Leaders should not feel under pressure to carry anyone in their cars. Leaders who do take people in their cars may insist on face coverings if they wish.

Private Buses

- Leaders must obtain confirmation of Insurance cover from the bus company before booking.
- Leaders should establish that the bus company will sanitise the bus before young people board for both the outbound trip and the return trip.
- Leaders should ask about any requirements the bus company might want of us.
- The Ratio of adult to young people must be adhered to for all trips. (ratio 1-8 with a minimum 2 adults – see Guidelines for Day Trips Away)
- The total number of people travelling on a bus can be up to 100% of normal capacity, i.e. the bus can be full.
- Face coverings must be worn for those aged 9 and over. This will be reviewed at the end of February.
- Hand sanitiser is recommended as young people board and leave the bus
- Windows should be kept open as much as possible to ensure there is adequate ventilation.
- All luggage and bags should be stored in allocated storage areas if available.
- For bus journeys to Northern Ireland, all of the above applies.

Public buses and trains

These can now operate at 100% capacity. Face coverings must be worn until at least the end of February.