



Safer Return to Training Protocol

Grassroots Referees

1st Edition: 20th June 2020

Introduction

The primary aim of this Protocol is to support individual FAI grassroots referees and to protect their health & safety as we prepare for a return to training

The Protocol will not replace or contravene any directives or guidance from the Government or the HSE

This Protocol is a live document and is subject to change in line with Government updates as announced



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1. Key Dates

Friday 5th June

FAI receives updates from Government regarding publication of public health measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19

Monday 8th June

Circulation of FAI Safer Return to Training Protocol

Friday 19th June

FAI issue updated Pathway for a Safer Return to Football

Saturday 20th June

FAI issue the Safer Return to Training Protocol to all Grassroots Referees



2. Before you train

You must stay at home if you:

- Have been in contact with someone with COVID -19 or a suspected COVID-19 case in the last 14 days
- Have been overseas or exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Have flu-like symptoms or are feeling unwell
- Have a temperature of 38C or greater
- Experience the sudden onset of a cough or a shortness of breath
- Experience a sudden loss of sense of taste and smell

You Must:

- Check with your GP if you are in a high-risk health category and ask if you are medically fit to train
- Familiarise yourself with COVID-19 safety protocols
- If you have additional concerns due to underlying medical conditions or are living with people with underlying conditions, please discuss these concerns with your GP

Please ensure you have clarified that it is safe for you to return to training as per HSE guidelines



3. The Next Steps

- The FAI will update this FAI Safer Return to Training Protocol based on the advice of Government and Health agencies
- Friendly matches are not permitted until July 11th and competitive matches until July 18th
- A training resource for Grassroots Referees will be made available by the FAI Referee Department
- Match Day Protocols will be distributed to all registered referees by the FAI Referee Department prior to a return to football

