SMH Easing of Restrictions

Summer 2021

What Can I do in May 2021?

10th May 2021

- ✓ People can meet outdoors, including in gardens. Max 3 households can meet or 6 people from any number of households. (This limit of 6 does not include their children aged 12 or younger).
- ✓ Some shops. Phased reopening of non-essential shops. Click and collect shopping can begin again.
- ✓ Hairdressers, barbers and beauty salons can reopen.
- ✓ People can travel between counties.
- ✓ Galleries, museums and libraries will all open again.
- ✓ Funerals 50 mourners will be permitted at a service. Other related events/ meet ups, either before or after, should not take place
- ✓ Weddings 50 guests permitted at service (civil or religious). For celebrations/receptions, a maximum of 6 people are allowed for indoor gatherings and 15 people for outdoor gatherings.
- ✓ Increase in numbers on public transport, up to 50% of normal capacity
- ✓ Organised outdoor gatherings of max 15 people are permitted

What Can I Do in June 2021?

2nd June 2021

✓ Hotels, Guest houses, B&Bs, self-catering and hostels can reopen. You can swim in a hotel swimming pool if staying overnight in a hotel. Hotel bars and restaurants are open to residents.

7th June 2021

- ✓ Outdoor sports matches will begin again. No supporters permitted at this stage
- ✓ Gyms, swimming pools, leisure centres can reopen for individual training only
- ✓ Outdoor services in restaurants and bars can recommence, for groups of up to 6 people
- √ 25 guests can attend wedding celebrations/receptions.
- ✓ Visiting indoors in private homes visitors from one other household are permitted

What happens after June?

Some activities are a bit more risky. The government will look at what activities can happen later in the summer. We will know more at the end of June 2021. These include looking at:

- ✓ When indoor restaurants, bars, nightclubs, casinos will open again
- ✓ When indoor team sports including matches, training and exercise classes can begin again
- ✓ When large gatherings/events (including fans and spectators) indoors and outdoors can begin again
- ✓ When we can travel abroad /international travel
- ✓ When classes in college buildings will begin again
- ✓ The government is planning the safe reopening of cinemas and theatres in June based on public health advice
- ✓ The government is also planning on holding some pilot live events for arts, culture, sport and live entertainment (indoor and outdoor) to test out how these can happen safely.