



RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

COVID-19 INCIDENCE PLAN

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1. Introduction

During the Covid-19 Pandemic Government and the Ramsey Town Commission [“the Commission”] developed a series of plans to manage the response to Covid outbreaks and ensure that essential services were able to continue to be delivered.

In February 2022 Government announced that whilst previous plans have rightly focused on the need to control the advance of COVID-19 and ensure that our Island is kept safe, the need now is to focus on the future, to ensure that the Island starts to emerge from the shadow that COVID-19 has cast, and move our Island forward with confidence, underpinned by the requirement to ensure the Island stands ready to take appropriate action should it become necessary, as we move to an endemic state.

With this in mind, the Government approach has two high level aims:

- Returning Island to normal life; and
- Ensuring Government is prepared to intervene if necessary.

What this means is that we would look to live with COVID-19, accepting that the virus is present in our community for the long term, that it is monitored to ensure we understand how it is affecting the Island but we do not look to identify each and every case and ultimately that COVID-19 is treated in the same way as other communicable diseases (i.e. a disease which is transmitted between people) that we currently face.

The Governments Endemic Approach plan is available on the Government Website: -

<https://covid19.gov.im/media/2052/endemic-approach-030222.pdf>

This document outlines the way Ramsey Town Commissioners responds to this approach.

2. Principles

Covid-19 is now being considered as an endemic virus the impact of which may vary at different times.

The Commission will recognise individual personal choices whilst ensuring that at all times staff remain fully appraised of the ongoing status and of the need to follow good cleansing and personal hygiene practices at all times.

3. Covid Incidence.

Staff will be required to report any positive Covid test to their immediate line manager.

Whilst there is no compulsion to self-isolate, anyone who tests positive will be required to stay away from work, on sick absence, until 48 hours after any symptoms have stopped.

Where a positive case is reported managers should consider the risk of transmission to other staff and the potential impact on services. Staff in affected areas will be requested to take lateral flow tests

4. Level of COVID-19 and general response

As of the 1st April 2022, there is no longer a legal requirement to isolate at home following a positive result of COVID-19, however you should:

- stay at home and avoid contact with other people until 48 hours after your main symptoms have stopped
- report your positive result online for Public Health surveillance purposes only
- notify close contacts (having had face-to-face contact with, within two metres, for more than a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour period, even if not consecutive)
- avoid sensitive locations, in particular educational and clinical settings
- work from home if you can and if well enough
- seek medical advice if you are unwell as you would with other diseases. If you are clinically vulnerable, antiviral treatments may be available to you

5. Communication & Review

This plan will be communicated to Members by the Town Clerk, and to staff through the Senior Management Team, and will be available on the Commissioner's website.

The plan will be reviewed by the Management Team on a quarterly basis.

The Commission will continue to monitor Government announcements for any further changes or potential future escalation of the Island Covid-19 status.