

The human resources division of the Consell de Formentera has put in place a series of precautionary measures to ensure the safety of government workers and islanders and to contain the local spread of Covid-19.

In light of the unique situation, from Monday 16 March:

- In-person support at government offices will be suspended.
- All government business must be conducted over the phone or online.
- Appointments and in-person meetings will be kept to a minimum.

To help staff balance work and family life:

- The workday will be made increasingly flexible.
- Whenever possible, staff will be allowed to work remotely.
- At-risk personnel will be asked to provide the Consell updates about their situation so proper protective steps can be taken.

Human resources chief Paula Ferrer explained that with the prospect of union negotiations off the table, agreement about the new measures had been reached between worker representatives and the Consell.

The island government will continue issuing frequent updates, and Ferrer said “responsibility and effort” would be required of all islanders “as we attempt to navigate the situation as best we can”.

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