Officers of the Formentera Local Police and Civil Guard ticketed 19 individuals yesterday at 7.15pm for failure to comply with public health orders.

At approximately 7.00pm a private citizen notified authorities that thirty-some mask-less individuals were flouting distancing protocol and were gathered near a dry-dock on Migjorn beach. Law enforcement appeared on the scene and identified a group of 19 people in violation of mask rules and regulations limiting social gatherings to six individuals from no more than two households.

The offenders were ticketed, citations which will be processed by the Balearic office of emergencies and the interior.

The Consell de Formentera premiere once again asked islanders to act responsibly and comply with all public health protocol: "After many restrictions that have affected each and every one of us, the epidemiological situation is now quite favourable and the summer season is in sight. But, things can change at the drop of a hat and threaten all of our wellbeing and jeopardise our economy". "It's not fair that a few irresponsible individuals endanger the sacrifices we've all made and the long route we've tread", she said. Ferrer closed by encouraging islanders to collaborate by reporting rule breakers.

Yesterday Formentera Local Police pressed charges against a business for violation of public health regulations related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Law enforcement will be reinforcing controls this weekend, enlisting drones to patrol remote corners of the island.

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