



For the first time today, Consell de Formentera President Ana Juan took part in a meeting to discuss developments related to the pandemic Balearic First Minister Francina Armengol, heads of the other island councils, the president of the Balearic Federation of Local Entities and the mayor of Palma.

Discussion centred on loosened restrictions following encouraging public health data and the mass vaccination effort. In terms of the island's level of risk, Formentera is now in tier 1 of public health alert, said Juan, "and though the situation today is good, collective effort will be required to ensure we don't lose ground". "To those who haven't yet done so, please, get vaccinated", she added, appealing to islanders to "do it for [their] neighbours" and because "it's the responsible thing to do".

The Governing Council approved a series of crisis response measures to take force upon publication tomorrow, 26 October, in the Balearic Gazette (*Butlletí Oficial de les Illes Balears, BOIB*). Each island's public health situation will be reviewed every fortnight. Thus, some of the tier-1 limitations in place to date on Mallorca, Eivissa and Formentera will remain, while practically all will be lifted on Menorca, which currently occupies tier zero, deemed a "controlled risk".

In general, businesses and establishments serving the public can return to 100% capacity. Dancing that may take place (where not expressly prohibited) must be done with masks and in specially designated areas separate from zones where food and drinks are consumed.

One of the few restrictions to remain unchanged relates to tobacco and similar products. Smoking is still banned at businesses with outdoor seating areas and public spaces when it is not possible for individuals to stay two metres apart. In order to prevent further outbreaks, outdoor drinking ("*botellones*") is prohibited in all public spaces.

Chief protective measures

Restaurants. Restaurants may resume normal hours of operation, as long as a distance of 1.5 metres can be kept.

Evening entertainment. Cafés with musical entertainment and cocktail bars may operate at 75% capacity. Indoors and out, guests who eat or drink must be seated at a table and there must be a distance of at least 1.5 metres between tables. Masks must be worn when not consuming and dancing is not permitted indoors or out.

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