



The Government has decided, based on NPHEAT advice, the current public health measures will remain in place, the country will **NOT** be progressing to Phase 4 of the [Roadmap to Reopening Society and Business](#) until 10th August 2020 at the earliest. Inland Fisheries Ireland offers the following information to anglers as a guideline only. Government advice to stop the spread of coronavirus **BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE.**

Anglers can now travel throughout the country without restrictions. However, visiting international anglers should refer to government guidelines on '[Arriving to Ireland from another country](#)' for up to date advice.

General Guidance for everyone

- Follow Government **protocols** and public health guidelines.
- Outdoor gatherings for group exercise up to 200 people.
- Observe **physical distancing** by keeping at least 2 metres apart.
- Park legally and responsibly if driving to outdoor amenities.
- Respect our emergency services and avoid activities that could potentially lead to emergency call outs.
- Respect the environment, animals & wildlife and dispose of waste properly.
- Travel separately, unless from the same household and visit outdoor areas at off peak times if possible.

➤ All Anglers

Follow up-to-date Government advice, however changes to Government advice may result in amendments to this information. Currently, we strongly advise the suspension of all angling competitions involving international competitors. To stay safe, anglers should follow public health guidelines:

- **STAY home** if you have [symptoms](#)
- [Hand Hygiene](#)
- [Cough Etiquette](#)
- Physical Distancing **2m**

➤ **Boat Anglers:** Max 2 persons in small boats to comply with physical distancing (unless from same household). Remember to maintain physical distancing on board and at slipways and access points.

➤ Guides & Ghillies

Refer to Government's '[Return to Work Safely Protocol](#)'.

- Maintain physical distancing at all times.
- Use a dummy rod set up to explain techniques, no sharing of cars or equipment.
- Ensure one person ties all knots, lands all fish and handles their own equipment only.
- Weighing and/or photographing of fish should be carried out with physical distancing.
- All payments should be made electronically where possible.

➤ Charter Boat Owners

Refer to the Government's '[Return to Work Safely Protocol](#)'.

- Limit number of passengers to allow for physical distancing, no passengers allowed in wheelhouse.
- Provide hand sanitiser and encourage passengers to use it.
- No sharing of equipment. Hire rods should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
- All payments should be made electronically where possible.