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Issued by Email: To All Scouters

Ref: International Travel and Travel Insurance

Dear Scouter,

We have been receiving some enquiries regarding international travel and travel insurance from Scout Groups.

There are two aspects to these queries,

1. Is international travel permitted,
2. and will Covid-19 related cancellations be covered by the travel insurance policy arranged by scouting Ireland.

Government Advice

International youth work is currently permitted under the government youth sector guidance in ROI and in Northern Ireland under the Education Authority guidance. While these guidelines permit international travel, we ask groups to carefully risk assess any proposed international trips.

General Insurance

See below some useful information received from Allianz (our general insurer);

The info below maybe useful in relation to the Covid 19 (Corona) Virus:

1. The Scout Group must follow the advice of
 - (a) The Department of Foreign Affairs here in Ireland
 - (b) The World Health Organisation
 - (c) The Local Authorities in the Country that the Scout Group proposes to visit
2. If travel to the chosen destination is not recommended by the Authorities then the Scout Group should cancel the trip (irrespective of the cost)
3. If the location of the trip is not currently restricted due to Covid 19 they should still consult with all the parents/guardians of the minors travelling and get written confirmation from the Parents/Guardians that they are happy to proceed with the trip.
4. If the trip is going ahead the Scout Group should seek professional advice as to the precautions they should adopt during the trip and put in place a Policy/Procedure to deal with any suspected outbreak of the Covid 19 Virus at the location and/or within the travelling party



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If a Scout Group has recently returned from a trip abroad whether to an affected area or not they should seek guidance from the HSE in relation to any quarantine procedures/precautions they should adopt to protect members, Staff and the public at large from any spread of the virus

Travel Insurance

The travel insurance arranged by Scouting Ireland is provided by Chubb Ireland. Chubb have stated the following with respect to the cover and policy.

'This Policy does not cover and We will not (under any sections) pay for claims of any kind directly or indirectly arising from, relating to or in any way connected with the Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) (or any mutation or variation thereof) and/or its outbreak. This exclusion applies to all sections of cover except for Section 2 – Medical Expenses and Repatriation provided You are not travelling in, to or through any area to which the Department of Foreign Affairs has allocated a security status of 'Avoid non-essential travel' or 'Do not travel'. To the extent that any term or condition in the Policy may be inconsistent with this exclusion, this exclusion shall prevail.'

Link to what is covered by the [group travel insurance policy](#).

We trust you find the above useful.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Conor McKeon".

Conor McKeon

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