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Re: Covid – 19 Update

**Covid – 19 Update: Statement from Scouting Ireland regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the impact on upcoming meetings, trainings and events.**

Scouting Ireland continues to closely monitor the Covid – 19 situation and the advice from the National Public Health Emergency Team, HSE, NHS and the WHO.

Scouting Ireland has decided in line with official advice the following:

**1. Scout Group Meetings:**

- Republic of Ireland:
  - o **All Scout Group Meetings are to be postponed** 6pm 12th March – 19th April 2020
- Northern Ireland Scout Groups:
  - o **All Scout Group Meetings are to be postponed** from 9am 20th March until further notice

**2. All events indoor over 100+ and outdoor 500+ should be postponed** between 6pm 12th March – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**3. All Scouting Ireland Training will be postponed** between 6pm 12th March – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

All these scouting events meetings, events and activities will be reviewed by Scouting Ireland in accordance with national government advices.

We understand that this decision will result in inconvenience and disappointment to many of our young people, volunteers and parents. However, we all know we must take this decision with the best interests of our young people, volunteers, our families and the wider community.

This situation is continually changing, and we continue to monitor changes to the advices and decisions of governments in both jurisdictions on a daily basis.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your local support staff [Click Here](#) or National Office on 01-4956300 and continue to check the local official advices. We will continue to assess the situation and will continue to advise you.

Yours in Scouting,

Anne Griffin

Chief Executive Officer Scouting Ireland

**The general public is asked to follow this advice and keep informed of this ongoing outbreak. Details of these updated measures can be found here:**

Republic of Ireland – Click [HERE](#)

Northern Ireland – Click [HERE](#)