

Consell de Formentera President Alejandra Ferrer and Vice-President Ana Juan met today with Balearic First Minister Francina Armengol, other island presidents and representatives of the Balearic Business Federation (FELIB). Attendees got an overview of changes in public health restrictions set to take effect today across the Balearics after publication in the regional government gazette.

The measures were adopted following individualised analysis of the health and epidemiological situation of each island. Formentera's cumulative incidence over the last fourteen days –428.4 cases per 100,000 inhabitants– marks a downward trend. Based on the data, Formentera will prohibit members of different households from gathering between 2.00am and 6.00am – not 1.00am to 6.00am, as before.

The following limitations will apply to night-time gatherings of families and friends, per rules adopted 24 July:

a) When the island's 14-day cumulative exceeds 350 cases per 100,000 and more than 5% of ICU beds serve Covid treatment, or when 2% of all hospital beds serve Covid treatment, people from different households may not gather between 2.00am and 6.00am.

b) When the 14-day cumulative incidence exceeds 450 and over 10% of ICU beds, or when 5% of all hospital beds, serve Covid-19 treatment, people from different households may not gather between 1.00am and 6.00am.

The regulatory tier change also affects scheduling in the social sector, culture, sports, leisure, bars and restaurants, which must end operations at 2.00am, and not 1.00am as before.

As for restrictions on dining, up to eight people may be seated together inside and up to 12 diners may sit together outside.

President Ferrer praised islanders for getting Formentera to a position where restrictions could

be loosened again. “Restaurants, bars and leisure establishments can return to pre-7 August opening hours, a move the premiere hoped would “help businesses get their numbers up, particularly when times are this tough”. But Ferrer said extreme caution and compliance with health and safety measures remained crucial to limiting infections. “It’s the one way to get through summer and come out standing on firm footing”, she concluded.

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