The Consell de Formentera reports that the Official Gazette of the Balearic Islands (*Butlletí Oficial de les Illes Balears, BOIB*
) has published an agreement by the Governing Council which establishes that from today (4 December) until 24 January a "COVID certificate" will be required to enter clubs, bars, restaurants and establishments where celebrations are held with an indoor capacity in excess of 50 people.

Ana Juan, President of the Consell de Formentera, described the measure as "on target" and asserted it had been agreed with business and trade union representatives. She added that it "will give us greater security to control spread of the pandemic". President Juan stressed the measure was about "reducing the likelihood of contagion" and that it will "enable a greater reopening of one of the sectors which has been hit the hardest by the pandemic".

Formentera, like the rest of the Balearic Islands, is at tier 1 health alert and at this level COVID certificates are required to access the following establishments:
-Night clubs and dance halls
-Bars, cafés and pubs.
-Establishments with food, drinks and/or dancing where capacity exceeds 50 people.
-Restaurants with an indoor capacity in excess of 50 people, including spaces within tourist accommodations where food and drinks are served, sports facilities, recreational centres for the elderly and gambling/betting establishments.
-Other spaces which serve as nightclubs, dance halls and restaurants, and where indoor capacity exceeds 50 people.

President Juan pointed out that at this time of year on Formentera, few establishments fulfill the criteria in which requesting the COVID certificate is mandatory. The Consell has already given comprehensive information on the subject to the small- and medium-sized business group (Pimef) and Chamber of Commerce. It is also in contact with local law enforcement and has re-activated the 'Protect Formentera, for you and for everyone!' campaign.

Under the Governing Council agreement, access and COVID certificates must be controlled by locale owners or managers, who must also ask to see an ID card or another document establishing the holder's identity. At any given business, only one person shall check the documents and no corresponding records shall be kept. COVID certificates can be verified with a dedicated app available for download here .

President Juan closed by appealing to islanders to continue acting responsibly. "New infections are up and we must be cautious and responsible. I repeat, people need to be getting vaccinated. Vaccines have been shown to be the most effective tool to protect against COVID".

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