

COLONSAY VISITOR GUIDELINES

Ongoing precautions against COVID-19

“Welcome to Colonsay. We hope you have a restful holiday here after COVID19 lockdown. Our welcome, though warm, will need to be socially distanced as we all comply with Scotland’s COVID19 rules [Covid-19 guidelines](#). Colonsay’s small population has lived in isolation during lockdown, particularly because we have a high proportion of shielded and vulnerable people. Knowing your affection for Colonsay, we are sure that you will appreciate that the community continues to be deeply concerned for our vulnerable folk, so we ask that you respect these concerns and at all times follow the CTMG Visitor Guidelines. Thank You.

Colonsay Community Council”

The Colonsay community is aware that home owners, families and holiday visitors will start coming and going to and from Colonsay from July 3rd. However, there is concern on the island about protecting our vulnerable residents from possible exposure to Covid-19. We have 36 residents who are over 70 years of age, and a further 11 residents who are vulnerable due to underlying medical conditions. We therefore ask for your ongoing understanding and co-operation. Please follow these crucial guidelines:

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE: please maintain physical distancing with anyone outside your household and remember to keep well away from island residents. Please do **not** visit the home of an island resident unless invited. If any single resident becomes exposed to the virus, it may become a deadly threat to our most vulnerable people.

USE YOUR PHONE: Please order deliveries from the Shop (01951 200265), we ask all non residents that they do **not** go into the shop. The Pantry (200325) and the Hotel/Pub (200316) will be open however bookings are essential. The Doctor (200328) can only be seen by appointment (see separate guidance). These, and all necessary numbers, are included in the Welcome Compendium provided in your accommodation. Each service business will issue its own operating guidelines which will be available prior to visitors’ arrival. There will also be notices outside all businesses and we would ask that you adhere to their operating requests.

FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES: special rules may apply at public or private properties, which will be clearly displayed at the entrance. They may be regulatory (shop, restaurant, church etc.) or otherwise (e.g. **Please Keep Away** if a property is in self-isolation). Read the signs carefully and follow the guidelines exactly as given.

BE THOUGHTFUL: Remember to wash your hands thoroughly every time you re-enter your accommodation. Please follow local instructions as directed on signs.

To avoid doubt, all holiday homes are cleaned and sanitized to comply with approved protocols as detailed in the Colonsay Charter. These approved protocols have been made available to all householders, resident and second homes, so that nobody has any doubt as to the standards that are required to welcome occupants arriving from the mainland.

Our protocols currently meet and exceed the standards recommended by the Public Health authorities, and will be modified to comply with any change.

VITAL INFORMATION: If any member of your party develops symptoms of Covid-19 whilst here or within a fortnight of departure, please **URGENTLY** telephone or email your island host **and if necessary telephone 111 (follow Scottish Govt guidelines)**.