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moving to Ireland?
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Welcome to the August edition of our Newsletter! While we all continue to be impacted by Covid, we are slowly learning to live with it here in Ireland, albeit we are a long way off from resuming to life as we knew it pre-covid. We know the situation is very different in other parts of the world and our thoughts continue to be with those who, due to travel restrictions and lockdowns, have not been able to travel home again this summer to see family and loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you home soon.

We continued our monthly 'Home Thoughts from Abroad' blog over the summer months, featuring Irish people living abroad. In July we featured Meath born and London based, [Vanessa Monaghan](#), Chair of The London Irish LGBT Network as well as a Radio Presenter and Podcast Producer. In August we featured [Austin Comerton](#), of Irish Radio Canada. Both provided a fascinating insight to their backgrounds and their lives abroad.

We were delighted to launch our 'Every Picture Tells a Story' project earlier this month and we encourage our readers to get involved and to send in your stories/photos – please see separate section in this Newsletter as to how you can send us in your contributions.

Earlier this year our Board set a fundraising target of €21,000, to 'tie in' with our 21st Anniversary celebrations this year (21in21). In our June newsletter we mentioned our 'Planned Giving' fundraising campaign. We have now put the finishing touches to that, please see [HERE](#). Please contact our office if you would like to find out more about the Planned Giving or if you would like to support our work in any way.

On a sad note, we are sorry to say goodbye to Bernadette Connaghan, our Information and Communications Officer. Bernadette was only with us for a short time but her impact was great. We wish her well in her new role in the beautiful, [Mulranny Park Hotel](#).

Finally, on Tuesday 24th August, we held a short impromptu online concert to mark the 60th birthday of Safe Home Ireland's Ambassador, [Seán Keane](#). Thank you to all those who joined us and for the lovely birthday wishes too, which we will pass on to Seán! If you missed it, you can view it on the Safe Home Ireland [YouTube channel](#) and via our [Facebook page](#).

Until next month, take care, stay safe and keep in touch, from Karen, the staff and board of Safe Home Ireland.



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Travel and Covid-19

If you are travelling to Ireland from abroad **you must** fill out a Passenger Locator Form before departure.

You also have to have appropriate valid proof of vaccination or recovery, or to present evidence of a negative RT-PCR result from a test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival into the country.

Travelling with Children

Children between the ages of 12 and 17 will be required to have a negative RT-PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival to travel into the country, **unless** they have valid proof of vaccination or recovery.

Children of any age, travelling with accompanying vaccinated or recovered adults will not be required to self-quarantine post arrival. However, where one accompanying adult needs to self-quarantine, then all children must also self-quarantine.

Passengers arriving from EU Countries + Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway & Switzerland

If you have valid proof of vaccination, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

If you have valid proof that you have recovered from COVID in the past 180 days, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

If you do not have valid proof of vaccination or recovery, you will need to present evidence of a negative RT-PCR result from a test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival into the country

Passengers arriving from outside EU Countries + Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway & Switzerland (this includes Great Britain)

If you have valid proof of vaccination, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

If you have valid proof of recovery from COVID in the past 180 days, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

If you do not have valid proof of vaccination or recovery, you will need to present evidence of a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival into the country and also self-quarantine for 14 days. If you receive a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken from day 5 onwards after arrival into Ireland, you will be able to leave quarantine.

To protect its citizens against importation of variants of COVID-19, an 'emergency brake' mechanism will be coordinated at EU level to react swiftly to the emergence of a variant of concern or variant of interest.

Government advice will be to avoid travel to a country where the emergency brake has been applied.



If you travel from a country where the emergency brake has been applied

If you have valid proof of vaccination, you will need to: present evidence of a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival, undergo self-quarantine. If you receive a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken from day 5 onwards after arrival into Ireland, you will be able to leave quarantine

If you have valid proof that you have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 180 days, you will need to: present evidence of a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival, undergo self-quarantine. If you receive a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken from day 5 onwards after arrival into Ireland, you will be able to leave quarantine

If you do not have valid proof of vaccination or recovery, you will need to:

- present evidence of a negative RT-PCR test result taken in previous 72 hours before arrival
- undergo mandatory hotel quarantine
- if you receive a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken from day 10 onwards after arrival into Ireland, you will be able to leave quarantine

Proof of vaccination, recovery or negative test

Ireland is now a part of the EU Digital COVID Certificate for travel originating within the EU/EEA. The Digital COVID Certificate will make it easier to travel to and from these countries and will be accepted as proof of vaccination, recovery or negative test.

Approved vaccines

For the purposes of travel, you are considered vaccinated if you have been vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency with recommended number of days after the final dose.

The Digital Covid Certificate

The Digital COVID Certificate is a record of a medical event that takes place in the country of issuing. People who were vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in another jurisdiction will need to access the Digital COVID Certificate in that country. The certificate is not related to your citizenship, but where you have received your Covid Vaccinations.

The Digital Covid Certificate is also required for indoor hospitality in Ireland.

Travelling from Ireland to other Countries

It is important to check the public health advice and restrictions in place in the country you plan to travel to.

If you are travelling from Ireland and need a Digital COVID Certificate of a negative test, you can access this through private providers. For up to date information on all regulations visit www.gov.ie



Every Picture Tells a Story



Over the generations, Irish people have had to leave Ireland for many reasons, including to seek work, financial reasons, personal reasons, to escape a situation or maybe just because it is embedded in the Irish Psyche to leave. Many had to leave as children to support large families back home and many had to grow up very quickly, many thrived and made a good life in their adopted countries, but many also struggled with the responsibility of growing up too quickly on their own with no guidance. We all have a story to tell and we would love to hear yours.

We would love to see all your old photographs depicting your life away from home, we are fascinated with the past memories and with the difficulty in connecting with each other in person due to Covid regulations, we would love to put together a memory board of the past and to keep history alive for future generations.

If you would like to submit photographs and stories you can forward digitally to us by email (karen@safehomeireland.com) or post on copies (please keep your original copies). We are looking for photographs that depict your life when you emigrated, these can be from any decade and can be accompanied by a brief description or a story behind the photograph. We will endeavour to use as many as possible, however it may not be possible to use all submissions. We are hoping to put together an exhibition and they may be used in the future. By submitting your photographs/story you agree for them to be used on social media or in our future exhibition as part of our 21st Anniversary celebrations.

With the further easing of restrictions in Ireland in July and the heatwave that coincided with the easing, came the joy of having visitors for many Irish people, some of whom were able to visit from the UK for the first time since the start of the pandemic. For locals' and visitors alike, the option of having both indoor and outdoor dining, has been a real bonus. With the vaccination programme now a month ahead of schedule and over 80% of the population fully vaccinated, we are hopeful that we will soon be able to meet again in person for a further event to celebrate our 21st Anniversary.

Watch this space!