



Water Safety Ireland

The Long Walk, Galway.

5th May 2021

Dear WSAC Secretary & Chairperson,

I am delighted to inform the Water Safety Area Committees that we intend to run our Summer weeks this year. The last 12 months has been a tough time for our organisation with no Lifesaving and Swimming being taught. Now that we are planning to run our summer program it is very important for each area committee to plan and make sure these lessons are strictly run to Government guidelines.

We have attached an example of an SOP, but each WSAC needs to write up an SOP and do a COVID-19 Risk Assessment for each venue where they intend to run a summer week. In some cases, depending on the topography of the venue classes may have to be limited and maybe 1 class per group rather than the historic 2 classes a day may need to be considered.

We would recommend no more than 12 students per class, considering the Government guidelines are in pods of 15. It is vital that within your SOP, that it is clear to parents that when their child's class is over that they would collect the child and leave the area before the next group arrives.

The following are things that WSAC should consider while planning for Summer weeks:

- That total numbers attending may have to be reduced in certain areas.
- We understand that some weeks may need to be cancelled again for a second year.
- WSAC's are to make the decision on which of their summer weeks are to go ahead this summer.

We are governed by COVID-19 guidelines and failure to follow these will result in classes being cancelled. We wish you all a great and successful Summer program and looking forward to resuming the teaching of swimming and



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lifesaving. Sport will also be returning after 17th May and the Sports commission will be in touch with details later.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John F M Leech'.

John F M Leech
CEO,
Water Safety Ireland.