



Sweeney's Bothy Covid Statement - 30 October 2020

Our priority is to ensure Sweeney's Bothy is properly prepared and disinfected in line with Scottish Government guidelines before you arrive. This will minimise risk to you, to us and to the wider Eigg community. Thank you for reading.

The day before you arrive, you are asked to click on the following link to confirm you have read this statement and that you have not had any symptoms of Covid 19 in last ten days.

We have prepared a Covid-19 Risk Assessment, which we review on a regular basis, have done the ASSC approved training for the Scottish Government approved Covid cleaning protocols, and are registered with the Good to Go Scheme with Visit Britain.

We will be using the usual cleaning materials we normally use but are also fully sanitising the bothy with products with the required EN14476 number for eliminating viruses. The disinfectant / sanitiser is sprayed on all surfaces and left to air dry. This allows it to keep working after we have left the bothy, following cleaning. There is a hand sanitiser dispenser mounted on the outside of the bothy for us and you to use.

Welcome show around: We are not showing guests around the bothy on arrival; but hope we will see you outside during your stay, at a social distance. Our guest information folder has been removed from the bothy and all the information put online to be downloaded, used offline, or printed.

Please click HERE to read our bothy handbook or see attached. Please pay particular attention to the sections on how to use the stove and gas ring and about bothy safety measures.

Bedding: At the end of your holiday we ask that you strip the bed and put the bottom sheet, the duvet with duvet cover still on, pillow slips, and all towels and dish towels in the wheelie bin provided outside. Please leave the mattress cover on the bed. Please leave the pillows with their pillow protectors still on, on the library snug seat.

Rubbish: When you leave, please put the rubbish bags of recycling, compost and general waste into the second wheelie bin outside. We will remove the contents of both wheelie bins 48 hours after you have left, for cleaning and disposal respectively.

Crockery, glassware, cutlery and all kitchen equipment: We have duplicates of most of the kitchen equipment which will be swapped between guests and disinfected if necessary. Anything that we don't have a duplicate of is washed thoroughly in hot soapy water between guests.

Foodstuffs: We have duplicate sets of salt, pepper, olive oil, coffee, tea, and sugar. We used to provide a range of dry and tinned goods for guests to make use of. Sadly, we now leave all the food cupboards empty and ask you to bring all your own supplies, and to take anything you don't use home with you.

Surfaces and furniture: All surfaces, door-knobs, light switches etc are fully disinfected, as are the armchair, mattress, curtain and other furniture.

Books and rugs: We have duplicates, which we will swap and disinfect if necessary between guests.

Windows: When you arrive at the bothy you will find all the windows open. We ask our guests to open all the windows and the door on leaving the bothy and we leave them open after cleaning.

Entry and leaving times: To protect against airborne virus, we wait two hours before entering to clean the bothy and then ask you to wait for two hours before coming into the bothy. We will let you know what time you will be able to get into and have to vacate the bothy accordingly.

Mobiles: There is intermittent 4G EE phone signal at the bothy with most other networks available on the east side of the island, with most signals registering at the school as you walk from the bothy to the pier.

Wifi: Even though the tearoom is closed, you can still pick up wifi service around the shop and pier area.

Out and About on Eigg

Egg Shop remains open, but customers are asked to sanitise their hands when they enter, wear a face covering, keep 2 metres distance from other people, and wait outside if the shop has more than 3 people in it. Home deliveries on request. Reminder, the wearing of face coverings for customers in shops is mandatory. You can place orders with Egg Shop by email before 10am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays. info@isleofeigghop.com Their phone number is 01687 482 432

When in public places such as outside the shop and on the pier, please keep 2 metre distance from anyone not in your “bubble”. You are advised to carry a face covering with you at all times in case you find you are unable to keep 2 metres physical distance from other people. This should cover your mouth and nose and can be simple as a scarf or bandana that ties behind the head.

Galmisdale Bay Cafe and Bar and Lageorna Restaurant have decided to remain closed for the time being. Croft Number Six, the Swap Shop and Old Shop display are also closed.

Please wash hands/use hand sanitiser before and after opening gates as you walk around Eigg

Symptoms of Covid-19:

Please do not travel if you or any of your party are unwell and have possible symptoms of Covid-19. Please check your temperatures regularly before you leave home and do not travel with a temperature.

If you should have symptoms of Covid-19 whilst staying here, current legislation is that you must travel home immediately. **However**, at the moment Calmac will not carry ferry passengers with Covid-19 so instead you should tell us immediately of your concerns and together with NHS Highland we will work out what should happen next.

We look forward to a socially distanced chat if we see you out and about. If you have any queries please get in touch by email. In spite of all this we will be giving you a warm welcome, albeit from a social distance!

Please click here to confirm you have read this statement and that neither you nor anyone in your party have had any Covid 19 symptoms in the last 10 days.

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