

Media Release

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Resumption of private healthcare and wellbeing activities

As the Bailiwick exits from lockdown through the agreed phases, HSC is aware that many islanders and providers wish to resume their treatments and wellbeing activities as soon as possible.

A framework has been developed which balances the need for treatments and business viability with the risks of COVID-19 infection from face to face close contact.

Anyone considering resuming treatments or activities must be aware that resuming services in these areas cannot be risk free - whether receiving treatment or working as a practitioner.

As the Bailiwick moves from one phase to the next, the risk of community acquired COVID-19 will reduce to a point, such as in Phase 4, when providers of close personal care may be safe to operate, with appropriate precautions and hygiene measures in place, without the use of PPE.

In the meantime, anyone wishing to resume business in these areas will need to carry out a risk assessment based on their own premises and activities, and apply to The Medical Director for approval to resume treatments or activities. There is no obligation to complete these assessments as it is possible that practitioners may be shielding themselves and wish not to resume their business activities until a later phase.

Full details of the additional activities that will be considered for approval in each phase, as well as the risk assessment form, can be found here

<https://covid19.gov.gg/guidance/business/lockdownupdate>.

The risk assessment form is an editable pdf which should be emailed to publichealth@gov.gg. Businesses who intend to reopen in a future phase may complete their assessment now. In such cases, the Medical Director will provide approval subject to the Bailiwick moving into a named phase.