

Local law enforcement were dispatched to platja Migjorn this Saturday afternoon in response to purported violations of covid health regulations. Officers reported music and dancing at a party on a building's upper terrace and participants were observed in violation of distancing rules and mask mandates.

The roughly 70-person party was shut down and earlier today a report and request for expedited processing were sent to the Balearic government.

The Formentera Department of Activities will launch its own probe into potentially unlawful behaviour and violations of municipal ordinances on music and noise pollution.

Beachside *botellón*

The same day, the island's agents of law and order broke up a party with music and drinks on platja des Cavall d'en Borràs on the ses Salines reserve. The agents confiscated a loudspeaker and informed the owner of an apparent violation of Formentera's beaches ordinance, and perhaps other environmental legislation given the nature reserve's protected status.

Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer said reinforcements from national law enforcement agencies were critical to "putting controls in place and stopping the proliferation of parties and other situations that could put us in danger". She also renewed calls on the Balearic government to "use inspections both to explain the rules and to sanction those who don't follow them". "A few rule-breakers can cost us all the season, so I ask for responsibility", concluded the president.

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