

The Formentera government is implementing various measures, some cautionary, some geared toward containment, in view of the local threat of Covid-19. For two weeks starting tomorrow, cultural, sporting and any other activities which are either organised by the Consell de Formentera or held in municipal buildings will be suspended.

**The following buildings will be closed:**

Poliesportiu Antoni Blanc, the municipal pool and IES Marc Ferrer sports facility

Sports pitches, including in Es Cap de Barbaria and the municipal football field

Casal de Joves

Biblioteca Marià Villangómez [Sant Francesc] and Punt de Lectura [Sant Ferran]

Sala d'Actes de Cultura (Cinema)

Sala d'Exposicions 'Ajuntament Vell'

Far de la Mola

Casa del Poble [La Mola]

Ethnological Museum [Sant Francesc]

Torre des Pi des Català

Casal d'Entitats

**The following activities are suspended or postponed:**

Courses and workshops organised by the Consell de Formentera.

Activities like lectures, day-long events, film showings at the cinema, theatrical productions and other events organised by the Consell de Formentera.

Any activities in which the local government collaborates or which are held in municipal buildings.

**Escola de Música**

Non-accredited classes offered by the Consell de Formentera at the School of Music are cancelled. Accredited classes offered by the Govern balear remain unchanged.

**Formentera Escoles**

As mandated by the regional health ministry, nursery service is being maintained in an effort to allow islanders to balance work and home life. However, Formentera's local government urges those parents or guardians who are able to stay home and care for their young ones to do so.

### **Tanatori**

The island's funeral parlour will continue operations under a hygiene-oriented protocol. Special guidelines will likewise be proposed for offering condolences.

### **Citizen's Information Office**

The OAC will remain open, but islanders are encouraged to handle formalities online at <https://ovac.conselldeformentera.cat>

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### **Social Services**

Operations will continue but islanders are asked to make telephone inquiries whenever possible (971.32.12.71).

### **Public transport**

In the interest of mobility, service will continue but taxi and bus drivers are urged to follow protocol and use a maximum of hygiene measures. Seniors and individuals with pre-existing conditions are encouraged not to use public transport.

Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer said the decision was about "being responsible in light of health authorities' recommendations that all but the most necessary activities be postponed or cancelled in order to prevent group activities from turning municipal buildings into sources of infection".

"The measures are indeed restrictive", said Ferrer, "but we are asking individuals to do their part as members of the community so we can continue providing adequate healthcare and protecting those most vulnerable. We are trying to ensure Formentera is the safest place possible during this public health crisis. Our goal is to return to normalcy and resume our economic activity as soon as possible."

"These measures are being implemented with the latest information and directives, but the entire administration is on permanent alert and stands ready to update protocols as necessary."

Individuals with symptoms associated with infection should telephone 061 but not visit the Formentera Hospital. The Govern balear has launched an information line at 900.10.18.63.

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