

BID4Oban COVID-19 Update 26 8th July 2020

We are keeping businesses updated with the latest information regarding the outbreak of Corona Virus.

Good evening to all our Levy Payers

I hope this update finds you well. It is good to see the town starting to resemble the new normal though much quieter than we are used to. I am updating you on some issues that we will all need to contend with in the coming weeks.

Safety:

Face Coverings – with effect from Friday 9th it will be mandatory to wear some form of facemask or covering. For retail businesses it will be your responsibility to ensure compliance with this request.

Outdoor beer gardens and restaurants – Please be reminded that you will be required to ensure the correct social distancing is taking place and that you have a record of all customers addresses either in writing or electronically. You may be requested to produce this to A&B Council or Police Scotland for inspection. You are required to keep this for 21 days and ensure you are compliant with GDPR guidelines.

Safe Queuing for Customers – At times it may be necessary for customers to queue outside business premises in particular if they are small shops. It would be prudent if this applies to you to have signage at your entrance to advise your customers. We have produced bespoke signage for affected businesses on request.

Signage – Please ensure you are compliant with all safety signage. We have a quantity still available at the BID office FREE OF CHARGE. Environmental Health Officers are checking and have visited many premises. There is a link on the BID4Oban website for printable signage that can be amended for individual businesses.

Safety Leaflets and Posters – Oban Charter in conjunction with OLTA – We are in the process of printing safety leaflets for visitors and business customers. These will be distributed to businesses next week or can be collected from the BID office.

Pontoons and Transit Marina – Good news the pontoons open on 10th July. Full safety advice will be issued to users.

Public Toilets – Ganavan & North Pier now open.

Business Improvement Grants – Many businesses have taken advantage of our Business Improvement Grants, good to see lots of premises being painted in the top end of George Street and across the town. These grants can be used for anything that is visible from the outside of your premises eg signage, painting, or window graphics. They can also be used for signage in any industrial areas of the town. If you need further information, contact me at the BID Office or view the application forms on our website.

Link to information: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus/easing-lockdown-town-centres>

http://www.bid4oban.co.uk/files/1215/9233/0550/BID4Oban_Ltd.pdf

The Oban Directory:

We hope many of you have had a chance to look at The Oban Directory <https://www.obantowndirectory.co.uk/> we've had a lot of very encouraging feedback.

As lockdown is eased and more businesses can reopen, they will be added as quickly as possible. Initially, we will use information from your Website/Facebook page to create your listing.

If you do not want us to create a listing for you then please use this email address, **theobandirectory@gmail.com**, to contact E & A Directories who will either not put it on or will remove it immediately if it is already on.

In time, Eilidh Livingstone from E & A Directories will be in touch with you to see whether you're are happy with all the photos in your listing, if not, Eilidh will arrange with you to take a few photos of your premises (inside and out), van or choose some generic photos.

As the town opens up fully The Oban Directory and the new Oban What's On will give visitors and locals a great place to quickly find whatever they're looking for and a great place for you to promote your business online completely free until the beginning of July 2021.

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