

The Consell de Formentera reports that Formentera will enter the second tier of public health alert from today following publication of the development in the Official Gazette of the Balearic Islands (BOIB). As of yesterday, the accumulated seven-day incidence is 92 per 100,000 inhabitants and 134 per 100,000 inhabitants at 14 days. The positivity rate is 15.52%. In the Balearics at large, the average cumulative incidence at seven days is 346 per 100,000, with a positivity rate of 12.35%. In addition, confirmation of seven new cases brings the total to 23 local cases, of whom 22 are receiving at-home monitoring and one remains in the intensive care unit of Can Misses.

This was the message conveyed today at a meeting between Francina Armengol, First Minister of the Balearic government, Ana Juan, President of the Consell de Formentera, the other premiers of the island administrations, Palma's chief official and members of the Federation of Local Entities in the Balearic Islands (FELIB).

President Juan explained that the change would mean new recommendations for social and family gatherings in the coming days. Among them, unvaccinated islanders are encouraged to stay home from celebrations and, at gatherings where food and drink is served, attendees are asked to keep FPP2 masks on as long as possible.

**COVID certificate**

The COVID certificate remains in force for individuals entering bars and cafés and other celebrations with indoor capacity of over 50 people.

With COVID case counts rising and Christmas celebrations approaching, the President urged islanders to "stay very responsible. Our cases are up, and we must be more cautious than ever". President Juan underscored the importance of getting vaccinated, and insisted, "Experts say the third dose is proving effective against Omicron, so that is what we are recommending".

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