

### Please consider taking a lateral flow test before travelling

The Scottish Government is encouraging all travellers to the islands to take a lateral flow test before travelling. Medical evacuation is expensive, and not always available, so it is to your benefit, and the island's benefit, to ensure you are well before travelling. You can read more here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested in Scotland - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/getting-tested-in-scotland)

### When will Coll Bunkhouse reopen and what can I expect?

We reopened to UK travellers on the 26 April but some areas of the UK are not permitted to travel here due to localised Covid measures. Customers are still required to wear a face covering (unless medically exempt) when moving around the shared spaces.

**Check in times** – It's vital that we protect our staff as well as customers. We ask you to come to An Cridhe as soon as you arrive on Coll, but please be aware you will not be able to access your room until it has been cleaned and prepared for you. If you are staying more than one night, we will not clean your room during your stay but will ensure bins are emptied, and you can contact us if you do have cleaning needs that can't be managed with the items provided.

### How has Covid affected Coll Bunkhouse?

Shared living/kitchen/dining space - this space is available now for shared use and social distancing is no longer required. Please use considerately, and make use of the hand sanitiser on entry. The public laundry does not have 'hang to dry' facilities just now. There is an outdoor line and some portable drying racks which can be placed outside the Bunkhouse to dry items.

### Our changes for your comfort and safety

For now, we are not operating like a traditional hostel, but we hope you'll find our changes great for couples/families/households.

Fraoch (Heather): sleeps 3 in a single over double bunk bed  
Bliochan (Bog Asphodel): sleeps 5, 1x single over double, 1 x single over single  
Sobhrach (Primrose): sleeps 5, 1 x single over double, 1 x single over single

All rooms:

- ❖ Dedicated toilet / shower per room – at least one of each
- ❖ Microwave, toaster, kettle, mini fridge
- ❖ Folding dining table with chairs
- ❖ Ample storage room for your items

### What is in store for the Bunkhouse after Covid?

When traditional hostelling returns we will still be a hostel, but we love the look of our newly designed rooms and we will certainly be keeping some of the changes.

### Welcome back / Fàilte air ais – from Alison and the team

*Coll Bunkhouse is part of Development Coll, a charity run for the benefit of the Isle of Coll. Any small surplus it makes is invested in our wonderful community centre which is at the heart of so much of the events locals and visitors enjoy on Coll. Covid times have been particularly difficult for the hostelling industry, given the 'shared nature' of hostel accommodation. We hope you understand that we are making the best decisions we can make in order to sustain our charity through this extremely difficult time. We thank you for your support.*