

Celebrate at a distance and with consideration during the spring bank holidays

Easter has just passed us by and there are more bank holidays ahead of us. When celebrating this year, it is really important to show consideration to those around you and to keep your distance.

Every year there are many celebrations in the spring: Ramadan, Saint Walpurgis Night, May 1st and Ascension Day, among others. This year is a bit different to what we are used to when it comes to how we can celebrate. Lots of celebrations and gatherings, official as well as private, are affected by the corona pandemic.

“This spring we cannot celebrate as usual, instead we have to take a joint responsibility to protect each other and those at risk from the spread of infection. It is especially important to protect the elderly from covid-19 because they can be gravely ill from the virus. We appeal to everyone to celebrate with consideration for one another” Carl Bartler, Council Director, Varberg.

Carl Bartler will be celebrating Saint Walpurgis Night with his family:

“Within our family the 30 April is an extra special day because it is also our daughter’s birthday. Obviously, we would like to be celebrating it as usual with a party and dinner for family and friends, but that will not be happening this year. We will keep in contact with our family at a distance, but a bigger party will have to wait until conditions are better and allow it”.

The government has, in the current climate, banned gatherings of over 50 people. The Public Health Authority also recommends the avoidance of private celebrations.

“Everyone can contribute to reducing the spread of infection. Even if the sun is shining, the situation is serious and can be so for a very long time, which is why we need to persevere and endure” Carl Bartler.

The Public Health Authorities recommendations to reduce the spread of infection are as follows:

- Stay at home, even if you only have a slight cold.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Keep your distance from others, both inside and outside.
- Keep your distance from others on the bus, on the train and on all public transport.
- Avoid celebrations, funerals, christenings, parties and weddings.
- Keep your distance from others at sports areas, swimming pools and gyms and avoid changing in public changing rooms.
- Do not travel at rush hour if you can help it.
- Travel only if it is necessary.
- If you are 70 years of age or older it is especially important that you limit your social contacts and avoid places where people gather.