



All Solihull based sports and physical activity providers

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Dear Sir/Madam

**COVID-19 –HELPING KEEP SOLIHULL SAFE – MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (England) (No.3) regulations 2020  
Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974  
The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999**

**Re: Sports and physical activity provision in Solihull**

I am contacting you as a Solihull based sports and physical activity provider to ask for you to take action to help us keep COVID-19 numbers low in Solihull and to help avoid a second wave or local lockdown.

I appreciate this is a difficult and challenging time for many organisations and want to thank you for your efforts so far. Covid-19 is still with us and the threat to public health still exists. Although numbers are low at the moment, many people have not had the virus. It is now essential that we take rapid steps to prevent it spreading and number rising again and that organisation apply national guidance strictly.

We are therefore working with the public and local business to make sure that people understand and comply with national guidance and know where to go for additional advice and support including financial support. We are receiving reports from the public around instances of poor practice which we are following up and will use Section 3 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) to take the following action if needed:

- **Reg 4: Restrict access to, or close, individual premises on the basis of an inadequate risk assessment or risk management, for example restaurants or bars;**

- **Reg 5: Prohibit certain types of event taking place on the basis of a maximum event size, including life events such as weddings or funerals, to 30 people in line with existing national guidelines;**
- **Reg 6: Restrict access to, or close, public outdoor places (or types of outdoor public places).**

If you do have staff, volunteers or participants with COVID like symptoms, please do get them to get tested very quickly from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> and follow any advice from Public Health England very carefully. COVID-19 is now particularly affecting working aged adults so this is very important for your business.

The Government guidance is in place to keep your staff, coaches and members safe and failure to follow this guidance will lead to action being taken by the council to stop operations in order to protect public health.

You must follow Government and Public Health England guidance on social distancing and operating your activity safely during Covid-19, which can be found by using the hyperlink below with additional links for sector specific guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Support is available from a range of sources. More information on the support available to businesses can be found by following the links below including financial support that the government is making available to help businesses during this period

<https://www.solihullforsuccess.com/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-support-for-businesses-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Please find enclosed a list of additional sources of information and resources that may be of use to you.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Solihull safer. If you have any questions or require additional support, please contact the local Covid-19 advice line by telephoning (0121) 704 6892, or by email at [contacttracing@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:contacttracing@solihull.gov.uk). If you do experience COVID in your workplace, please get help and advice early so that this can be tackled rapidly and be assured that this is a confidential service.

Yours faithfully,



**Ruth Tennant**  
**Director of Public Health**