



# COVID-19 Update

## Cricket clubs and leagues

Dear All,

Whilst we are not sending you the weekly bulletin update this week, please find below a COVID-19 update.

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Further to our update yesterday, DCMS and Sport England have today released the clarification [here](#) on outdoor exercise.

DCMS and Sport England have confirmed that 1:1 coaching is permissible during lockdown in England in a public outdoor space as long as social distancing is maintained. 1:1 Coaching cannot take place with multiple people from one household.

You can still travel to spend time for exercise outdoors, for example to access an open space, but should look to reduce the number of journeys you make and wherever possible, exercise should be done locally.

There's no limit on the amount of time spent exercising outdoors, or the amount of times per day you exercise outdoors.

Schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular activities where they're satisfied that it's safe to do so during school hours.

Where schools are offering extra-curricular activities (that is, before and after school clubs) they should only do so where it's reasonably necessary to support parents to work, search for work, or undertake training or education, or where the provision is being used for the purposes of respite care. Schools should consider carefully how such arrangements can operate within their wider protective measures.

Competition between different schools shouldn't take place, in line with the wider restrictions on grassroots sport.

Sport and physical education as part of education and training can continue. Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it's not. Colleges should maximise distancing between consistent student groups and pay scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene and use maximum fresh air ventilation through either opening doors and windows or ventilation systems.

Competition between different colleges shouldn't take place, in line with the wider restrictions on grassroots sport.

Professional cricket that is classified as elite by the UK Government can continue as an exemption during this period.

Hospitality venues such as cafes, restaurants, pubs, bars and social clubs must close; with the exception of providing food and drink for takeaway (before 10pm; including alcohol), click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery, if purchased and distributed via the following methods: making deliveries in response to orders received, through a website, or otherwise by on-line communication, by telephone, including orders by text message, or by post.

Whilst school sport can continue as an exemption during this period, university sport must be suspended. Coach education programmes can continue where this cannot be undertaken online.

The health and wellbeing of everyone in the cricket community has and remains our number one priority and we are in dialogue with DCMS about how recreational cricket activity can return safely once the national lockdown ends.

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