

Dear Cricket Clubs of Somerset,

Although the season is drawing to a close, we'd like to draw your attention to the Government's recently updated guidance on test and trace, and specifically a new section on the use of QR codes coming into effect from 24th September.

Those clubs who still have matches to play or those who are operating as a bar will need to take immediate action.

**You must [register for an official NHS QR code](#) and display the official NHS QR poster from 24 September 2020 when the NHS COVID-19 app will launch for public use nationally.**

The NHS COVID-19 app has a feature that allows users to quickly and easily 'check in' to your venue by scanning the code. The information stays on the user's phone. In England, you do not have to ask people who choose to 'check in' using the official NHS QR code to provide their contact details. If there is an outbreak associated with a venue, a message will be sent to the relevant app users with the necessary public health advice. This will help to avoid the reintroduction of lockdown measures and support the country to return to, and maintain, a more normal way of life.

An alternative check-in method must be maintained to collect the contact details of those who don't have the app, for example a handwritten register but kept in-line with GDPR legislation. [Read more](#).

In addition to maintaining and sharing records where requested and displaying an official NHS QR poster, you must also continue to follow other government guidance to minimise the transmission of COVID-19. This includes [maintaining a safe working environment](#) and following [social distancing guidelines](#).

The relevant settings this applies to are:

- clubs providing team sporting activities
- facilities for use by elite and professional sportspeople (including sports stadia)
- indoor sport and leisure centres
- cafes, including workplace canteens
- bars, including bars in hotels or members' clubs

**Please note this updated guidance comes into effect from 24 September and failure to comply will result in Government issued fines of up to £1,000 for venues that are failing to comply. Fines will rise to up to £4,000 for repeat offenders.**

Full information on test and trace can be found [HERE](#)

## Indoor Cricket Guidance Update

Last week the ECB announced their approved guidance for Cricket Indoors. Following yesterday's government announcement relating to indoor sport ECB are in the process of getting this guidance updated in conjunction with the DCMS. When this is available we will update everyone accordingly.

Kind Regards



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