**Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance**

The welfare of all our swimmers, coaches and volunteers is of paramount importance.

​​As you will all be aware from the media coverage, the situation with respect to the COVID-19 outbreak keeps changing from day-to-day.

It’s not possible to predict exactly how things will progress, but it is a situation that we are monitoring. At the moment we are planning for our training and events as normal. Meanwhile we would like to remind our membership of the importance of maintaining good hygiene habits at this time. Please see the link to a PHE infographic <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869250/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf>

The single most important thing we can all start doing straight away, is to get into the habit of good hygiene practices. By this we mean proper hand-washing and cough/sneeze etiquette.

[**Important: You can always find the latest guidance on what you need to know and do to take care of yourself on the Government guidance web page**](https://rollsroyce.sharepoint.com/sites/engineroom/en-gb/about/Pages/COVID-19.aspx)[**here.**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public)

In the meantime, we can all play our part by following the guidance below.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

­Swim England has provided guidance for clubs as follows:

This communication is designed to inform, rather than alarm, and contains relevant links to the most up-to-date guidance from the Government and Public Health England regarding novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

* The Government has issued advice around travel to and from certain areas as the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation develops. Please read the latest advice [**here**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public). This is updated regularly.
* We’d like to take this opportunity to remind all clubs running events, training sessions or trips abroad that they must inform participants, coaches, volunteers and spectators of the hygiene precautions to help reduce the spread of infection. For the latest infection control advice, please click [**here.**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)
* It is our expectation that Swim England members will comply with the latest Government and NHS guidance. This can be found on the [**Public Health England website.**](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england) If you feel unwell, please call NHS 111 for advice.
* Swim England will be continuing to plan for our events as normal but we will be following Government guidance and assessing risk as appropriate.
* We will be issuing specific guidance regarding forthcoming Swim England events as necessary to those due to attend.
* We would advise clubs to also carry out appropriate risk assessments and comply with all Government advice when planning any future activities.