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COVID-19 Guidance - September 2020 update

This guidance is issued by the British Kite Flying Association, drawing on the guidance issued by the UK Government. This update builds on the previous Guidance issued in July 2020, a copy of which has been lodged with The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and with the Sport & Recreation Alliance whose assistance is gratefully acknowledged. This update is published by the Sport and Recreation Alliance.

We believe that the general impact of this change will not effect kite fliers, unless you were planning a large gathering, in which case attention will need to paid to ensuring groups at the event meet the new requirements. This guidance ONLY applies in England.

From 14 September [legislation will limit social gatherings](#) in England to a maximum of 6 people, both indoors and outdoors and in public and private spaces.

Where a single household or support bubble is more than six people, they will be able to gather socially. However, contrary to the current regulations where two households are meeting, this will now be restricted to six people.

The government has confirmed that once these restrictions come into place Covid-19 secure venues such as leisure facilities, gyms and swimming pools can remain open and that classes taking place within these venues can continue as they are currently. Also, organised sports and activities that have been through return to play protocols can continue, as can organised outdoor sports and physical activity events. You should not attend these venues or events, or socialise whilst there, in groups of more than 6.

The [guidance for community facilities](#) has also been updated to confirm that these venues can continue to host more than six people in total, as long as they follow Covid-19 secure guidelines. Again, you should not attend these venues or socialise in groups of more than six.

The government also [announced that events piloting the return of spectators](#) to sporting events will be limited to 1,000 spectators and that the ambition for fans to return to sports stadia from 1 October will be kept under review.

The government has published [further guidance](#) on the reopening of indoor sports and leisure facilities and the resumption of [organised outdoor team sports](#).

For further information about what you can and cannot do please take a look at the government's [FAQ document](#).

We continue to work with our members, government and sector stakeholders to understand how these changes will take effect.

DCMS has issued the following update:

Key messages

- Check in advance if the facilities you want to use have reopened.
- When exercising in the countryside remember to follow the countryside code and act responsibly.
- If possible, hand sanitise at intervals if your sport or recreation means you have to touch communal surfaces.
- Once you are home remember to wash your hands.
- Try to avoid using shared equipment such as racquets and bats.
- If catering facilities are open at the venue (for takeaway items) respect social distancing whilst queuing for food and drink. Do not share food items, cups, plates or eating utensils with anyone else.

Guidance for the public

[The full DCMS guidance can be found here](#) and offers advice on:

- What government are doing
- What has changed
- Travelling for Physical Activity
- Clinically vulnerable people
- If you have children with you
- Using sports facilities
- Individual sports

Guidance for providers of outdoors facilities

Any facilities associated with outdoor sports and physical activities were permitted to reopen Outdoor sports courts are allowed to be open if those responsible for them can open them safely.

This included basketball and tennis courts, playing spaces like golf courses (public and private) and playing fields and water sports. However outdoor gyms, playgrounds and outdoor and indoor swimming pools will remain closed.

Each venue, including council-owned sports facilities, should make their own decisions about when their facilities are ready.

[The full DCMS guidance can be found here](#) and offers advice on:

- Principles to help organisations prepare for a phased return to play
- Reopening your outdoor sports facility
- Keeping facilities and equipment clean
- Keeping staff and customers safe
- Restaurants, changing rooms and car parks