

The Clubs Response to the Coronavirus Outbreak

On the 16th March the UK Government stated that its citizens should stay away from pubs and clubs. It has not demanded that pubs and clubs should close, but with few or no customers that would be the obvious next step.

The rationale behind the government's advice is to stop large groups of people coming together, which in turn will reduce the chance of cross transmission of the virus.

As clubs with a bar, we have to consider the health of our members and therefore we propose the following actions.

1. The bar will be closed initially for one month from Saturday 21st March.
2. The Clubs' sports facilities will stay open so that members can continue to exercise and play sports they enjoy. Members must exercise their own discretion as to the extent they use such facilities in the present circumstances. Members are requested to promptly leave the Clubs' premises after use.
3. The changing rooms and shower facilities will remain in operation. Members are requested to use them considerately and not leave dirty kit on floors or benches. Members may wish to attend the Club ready to play and to shower at home.
4. It is proposed that during this period that all team matches and social events should be postponed. This includes the club championships, the beer festival, fitness classes and group coaching sessions. Organised tennis activities will continue for the time being.
5. A rota is being organized to lock up the Club at 9pm each evening, last squash court and gym bookings will be at 8:00pm.
6. The water fountains will be turned off to comply with the hygiene advice detailed in the last circular.
7. The Tennis Club has invited Squash members to use any unused courts for themselves at no charge. Obviously if a Tennis member has booked the court then they have priority.
8. Please follow basic good hygiene practice. Hand sanitizer is provided at the entrance to the club. Please use it on entry and exit.

We hope this will enable us to keep the clubs open for all members but the situation could change quickly. This will be reviewed after four weeks or sooner if required.

Thank you,

Duffield Squash and Tennis Clubs.