

WSA Advocacy: Coronavirus Update 15th May 2020

Please see below the latest from Welsh Government and other relevant bodies. If you have missed any of our previous updates, please access them [here](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

The main news today is the release of Welsh Government's road-map for recovery, which includes four phases of:

- *Lock-down*
- *Red*
- *Yellow*
- *Green*

We are currently straddling lock-down and red. For clarity, "green" is not a return to normality, Green still has social distancing measures in place, and will only be exited once an effective treatment or vaccine are available. I do not anticipate reaching "Amber" status until late June at the very earliest.

Clear guidance will be put in place for each step, and there will be widespread consultation on what each step and action may look like. At present, the phased plan for sport is described as follows, current measures are bolded:

- ***Lockdown - Exercise once a day outside of house on own or with household.***
- ***Red - Exercise more than once a day and incidental activity locally.*** Outdoor sports courts to open. Elite athletes resume some activity.
- *Amber - Team and individual sports, non-contact sport and games in small groups indoors and outdoors. Some outdoor events with limited capacity and events behind closed doors for broadcast.*
- *Green - All sports, leisure and cultural activities open, with physical distancing. All events resume with limited capacity.*

In order to facilitate discussion with Government on what the progress through these phases might look like, and what restrictions might be eased with sufficient mitigation measures WSA is in the process of establishing a number of discussion groups.

These groups will feed into Government lockdown review procedures based on the setting in which sports are primarily played. Groups should also establish a broad set of principles and mitigation measures for safe return to activity. The intent is to streamline the decision making process for Government and facilitate good consultation with sport as a whole. Groups are as follows

1. *Outdoor individual sports / sports that can be adapted to be played outdoors whilst maintaining the 2m social distancing rules.*
2. *Indoor individual sports / sports that can be adapted to be played indoors whilst maintaining the 2m social distancing rules.*
3. *Outdoor team / multi participant sports where adaptation isn't possible or is impractical in the short term.*
4. *Indoor team / multi participant sports where adaptation isn't possible or is impractical in the short term.*
5. *Sport & Leisure Facilities*
6. *Elite and professional sports people*

Please get in touch if you would like to join these groups.

Welsh Government

[Unlocking our society and economy: Wales' roadmap published](#)

A traffic light roadmap setting out how Wales could exit the coronavirus lockdown has been unveiled today by the First Minister, Mark Drakeford.

This document should be read alongside [Leading Wales out of the coronavirus pandemic: a framework for recovery](#)

[Education Minister sets out 'thinking' on return to schools](#)

The Welsh Government has today published a document setting out how it is considering the next phase for schools, in response to COVID-19.

[Wales' Economic Resilience Fund will not support tax avoiders](#)

Businesses whose headquarters are based in a recognised 'tax haven' will not be eligible for COVID-19 financial support from the Welsh Government, ministers have announced today.

The Senedd

New Inquiry: [COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on culture, creative industries, heritage, communications and sport](#)

WSA will feed into this inquiry and individual sports are strongly encouraged to make representations. I'm happy to discuss how to best inform and influence the committee.

Senedd Research Service

[Coronavirus timeline: Welsh and UK governments' response](#)

The timeline below highlights key developments in Wales and the UK in response to coronavirus – COVID-19. We will be updating this page weekly.

UK Government

[Secure video calls to help prisoners maintain family ties](#)

Family video calls will be introduced at prisons and young offender institutions across England and Wales.

UK Parliament

[Rishi Sunak on the economy and lessons learnt from the Covid-19 crisis](#)

Economic Affairs Committee takes evidence from the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 19 May 3.00pm

[This week in the Commons](#)

This week in the House of Commons, there were several Covid-19 related statements. They covered the Government's Covid-19 strategy, business, transport and housing.

Welsh Conservatives

[Welsh Conservatives outline a roadmap to recovery for Wales](#)

Paul Davies MS – the Leader of the Opposition in the Welsh Parliament – has outlined the Welsh Conservative roadmap to recovery and to exiting the lockdown caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

[‘The Welsh Labour Government’s plan is a roadmap to a cul-de-sac’](#)

Paul Davies MS – the Leader of the Opposition in the Welsh Parliament – has denounced the First Minister’s plan for exiting lockdown as “... a roadmap to a cul-de-sac, not a roadmap to recovery”.

Plaid Cymru

[Welsh Government exit strategy “thin on detail” on ending community transmission says Plaid Leader Adam Price](#)

Mr Price said any exit strategy for Wales should mirror the New Zealand model of driving down the R number to reduce number of avoidable deaths to zero and to “eradicate” new cases rather than simply “managing” them.

[PM must clarify to Tories difference between Wales & England guidance](#)

Plaid Cymru Members of the Senedd and Westminster Parliament from the north of Wales have written to the Prime Minister calling on him to make clear to his party colleagues that they should not be promoting English public health guidance in Wales.

Business Wales

[Social distancing and keeping business open by working safely](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has produced guidelines on how businesses must maintain social distancing and protect their staff during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.