

**Covid-19 Update**

**Re-opening Plan (SBL & Wellsway Sports Centre)**

**18.03.2021**

Dear Member / User,

Following the government directive to close all gyms and leisure sites to help stop the transmission of COVID-19 in January 2021, we have been tirelessly working in the background following the UK Active and Government roadmap to reopen safely.

We now have a relatively clear idea of the road map for our sector and as it stands have some structure to reopen. The dates following are our guidance and plan:

- **STEP 1: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Open for outdoor organised sports ONLY.



**29 March**

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.
- Organised outdoor sport allowed (children and adults).
- Minimise travel. No holidays.
- Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).

**STEP 2: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Open for outdoor sports and the inclusion of indoor exercise in our fitness suites (individually). Also indoor sports courts can reopen for u18 year olds.

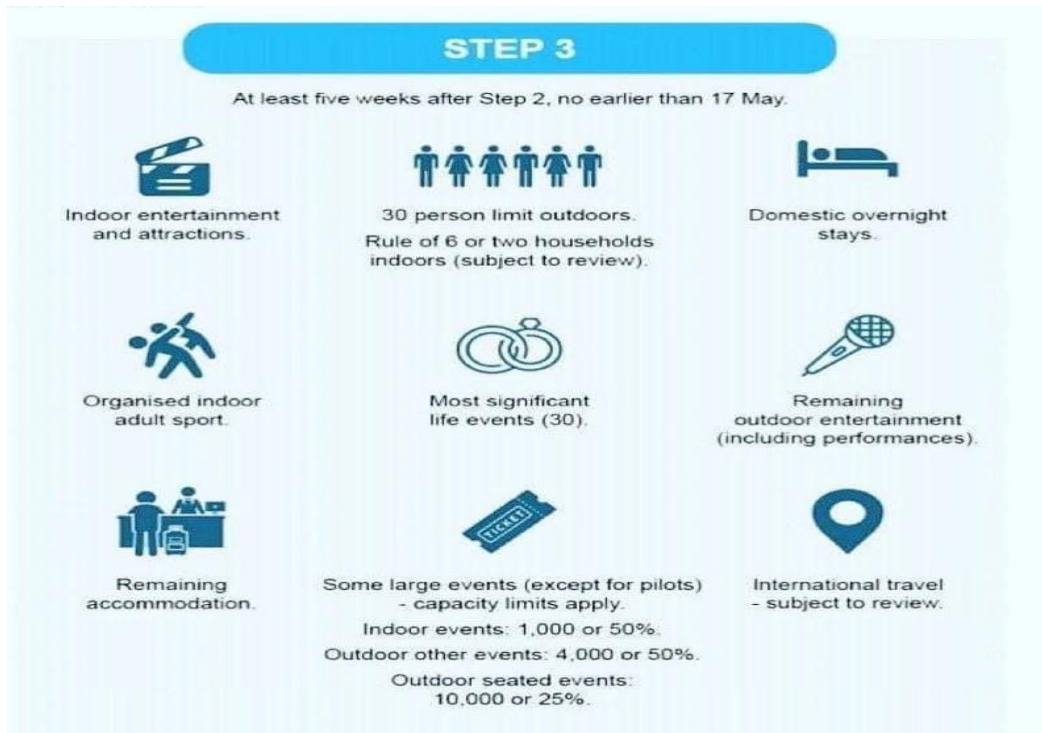


**STEP 2**

At least five weeks after Step 1, no earlier than 12 April.

- Indoor leisure (including gyms) open for use individually or within household groups.
- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.
- Outdoor attractions, such as zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas.
- Libraries and community centres.
- Personal care premises.
- All retail.
- Outdoor hospitality.
- All children's activities, indoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).
- Domestic overnight stays (household only).
- Self-contained accommodation (household only).
- Funerals (30), wakes, weddings, receptions (15).
- Minimise travel. No international holidays.
- Event pilots begin.

- STEP 3: **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – reopen for all indoor and outside activities for both u18s and adults including fitness suites AND Group Exercise.



The leisure sector along with grass roots sports are advised to reopen under the above three phases, for more information please visit the [UK Active Framework](#). We are confident there will be continued relaxing of restrictions, however when we open we will be following a restrictive framework with measures in place to ensure you and our staff are safe to work out and get active once more. Safety of you and our team is paramount and we are working hard to ensure your experience is the best it can be while operating within the legal framework.

If you are a member paying for membership via direct debit, you need to do nothing. Your direct debit will be reinstated from April and you will be charged just 50% of your normal fee as we cannot offer group exercise. We encourage you to get back into exercise and activity slowly and to take care as you reintegrate. The fitness suite access will be on an online bookable basis in the first instance from the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

We are taking every step to make your sports centre and exercise environment a safe place for you to get a great workout, including increased hand sanitising, more self-cleaning stations and socially distanced workout stations. We will also be going 'cashless' for the foreseeable future and implementing a one way system for entry and exit with minimal cross-over to maximise social distancing.

To help you train safely we are making some **temporary** changes and these may include:

- Restricting the number of people allowed on our site to maintain social distancing. We will be implementing a booking system for the fitness suites and restrict group exercises classes.
- To ensure we have staff available, your centres opening hours will be flexed to mirror what we are allowed to do in each reopening step. Please keep an eye on our website and social media pages for continued updates.
- During step 3 and when we are allowed to offer group exercise, we will announce further detail, at present it is not clear on the level of restrictions if any.
- Sports Teams for organised sport outdoors are asked to arrive 'play ready'. There will be no changing rooms available (just toilets) and there will not be any spectators allowed on site in the first instance.

Over the forthcoming days, we will be uploading our Covid-19 operating plan which details everything you need to know about visiting us from the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

We will be updating our websites and social pages also to keep you informed.

The best course of action to take to book sports facilities or venue hire is to email [scenquiries@wellswaymat.com](mailto:scenquiries@wellswaymat.com). A number of our staff will remain flexi-furloughed during the reopening phase and therefore phones will not always be manned.

In the mean time we cannot thank you enough for the continued support throughout this pandemic period and we can't wait as a team to welcome you back.

Kind Regards and Best Wishes

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