

Important Message from the CEO of LRCFA

After the first weeks of League fixtures, I am writing to you as CEO to thank you for the significant efforts made to ensure the safe return to football in the County. You will be aware that there is a rising Covid-19 prevalence across Leicestershire & Rutland and the risk to the postponement of grassroots football is becoming increasingly prominent. However, at this point in time there is a collective commitment locally to allow the game to continue in accordance with The FA's guidance.

We must stress that in order for the game to continue for the benefit of the health and well-being of its participants, the relevant FA Return to Football Guidance must be strictly followed at all times; a comprehensive list of our guidance can be [found here](#). Please be reminded that the FA guidance is only in place whilst in the football environment and as soon as this is finished local restrictions must be strictly adhered to.

One of the key concerns being shared with me relates to **Spectators**; It is imperative that all Spectators maintain social distancing and government restrictions are always followed. For absolute clarity, spectators must remain socially distanced and in discrete groups of no more than 6 and these groups must not mix under any circumstances.

Leagues, clubs, parents, players, match officials and spectators all have a responsibility to keep our game safe. There is a significant threat and growing concern that football could be forced to suspend activity if we don't play our part in adhering to the guidance.

I want to make sure you are aware that today the government has released its new Covid-19 NHS app. A feature of this app is allowing users to quickly and easily 'Check in' by scanning a QR code. You are able to register for an official [NHS QR code here](#) and download the app by searching for it in your app store on your smartphone. Please make sure you have a QR code clearly on display and set up for each venue you train and play at.

We appreciate your ongoing support and ask that you remind all involved of their obligation to comply with the safety measures that are in place. Please do view and share our short videos that explains the guidance in place which can be found below.

[Football Clubs Video Guidance](#)

[Match Official Guidance](#)

Please do enjoy your football and thank you for playing your part in keeping our communities safe.

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