

# Re-opening of Magnus Community Sports Centre

## Summary of Government Guidance

New Government guidance means sports facilities can be back in business from July 25.

It means that organised outdoor team sports can come back into play, provided they have guidance from the relevant sport's national governing body, and that outdoor sport and physical activity participation events can open to the public from July 11.

Indoor gyms and fitness and dance studios, sports venues and facilities can reopen from July 25 although a date for Magnus has yet to be confirmed



Safety measures now start from home as all venues should encourage users to arrive in their sports kit and to change and shower at home, the guidance says.

The use of showers and changing rooms should be avoided, but they will have to be available for people with disabilities or special needs.

The guidance also says that venues should “ensure that steps are taken to avoid people needing to unduly raise their voices to each other”.

It adds: “This includes – but is not limited to – refraining from playing music or broadcasts that may encourage shouting, including if played at a volume that makes normal conversation difficult. This is because of the potential for increased risk of transmission – particularly from aerosol and droplet transmission.”

The number of people using a facility at any one time should be limited and users will have to book a slot.

There will be reduced class sizes and enough time will have to be allowed between each class to avoid groups waiting outside during changeover.

Everyone should see enhanced cleaning and hand sanitising being offered throughout venues, which may now have queue management or one-way systems.

Adequate ventilation is a must and using outdoor spaces for individual, team or group activities is encouraged, while exercise or dance studios may sport temporary floor markings to help people stay distanced during classes

Another no-go zone is the use of shared items such as towels, robes, weights, rackets, balls and scoring equipment, which have to be cleaned or sanitised between users.

All venues are also expected to collect personal details of each user, such as name, telephone numbers plus date and times of entry and exit, to potentially help with tracing if there is a Covid-19 outbreak linked to the facility.

Limits may also have to be placed on the number of classes that visiting instructors, coaches, teachers, and management are involved with across different sports venues in order to try to bolster safety.

People will now have to “arrive, compete, leave”.

There needs to be the minimum number of people on site and they will have to be there for the shortest time possible or “you risk your sport”.

Leisure centres and other indoor sports facilities, have been closed since March 21.