

## **CORONAVIRUS – BCGBA STATEMENT**

Following the Government announcement this afternoon (16/03/2020) it is with great sadness that we now have to suspend all bowling for the foreseeable future.

Based on the advice announced we need to avoid all mass gatherings and sporting event as these will no longer be supported by the emergency services.

If anyone within your household has symptoms then the whole family need to isolate for 14 days. Limit social contact wherever possible and encourage working from home.

At risk groups – those over 70 and those with medical conditions need to take additional care.

All BCGBA meetings should now be postponed as un-necessary travel should be avoided.

Contact in Pubs, Clubs and restaurants to be avoided.

Taking this all into account all leagues should now suspend matches until such time as we are given an all clear to resume competition.

All BCGBA and BCGLCC Competitions are now suspended until further notice this should include all qualifier events.

As a Bowls community we need to look after our members and I encourage you to follow the advice being given and support those we are able to at this very difficult time.

Please take care of yourself and stay safe.

On behalf of the Management Committee BCGBA

Chris Hasselby (BCGBA Chairman)

Mark Bircumshaw (CEO)

**From:** mark bircumshaw <[markbircumshaw@gmail.com](mailto:markbircumshaw@gmail.com)>

**Date:** 12 March 2020 at 09:35:41 GMT

**To:** undisclosed-recipients;;

**Subject:** Corona virus, please note this is a guidance note as we stand today.

Following a number of queries received by BCGBA, and the media attention surrounding Coronavirus, BCGBA wishes to advise that no events under its jurisdiction are affected at present.

BCGBA will continue to monitor the situation and further guidance will be issued at a later date if necessary.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

If you have a personal concern you should contact <https://111.nhs.uk/>

If you have been asked to self isolate then you should follow the advise given by your GP or NHS111

It would be sensible to wash your hands before and after any game or practice session and the cleaning of jacks should be done on a regular basis. Contact between players should be reduced to a minimum. Disposable paper cloths for cleaning is recommended rather than a reusable one.

Care should also be taken with the use of bowls cleaning cloths and should be washed on a regular basis and probably best not to share with someone else

We have not received any additional advise from the government or NHS at present and will continue to monitor the situation.

Leagues will potentially need to review the rules on cancellation of matches should the situation change.

**Be aware advise may change at any point**

--

Many thanks,  
Mark Bircumshaw  
07887713009