



## COVID-19 update (21-03-2020)

In view of the most recent developments surrounding the pandemic, including yesterday evening's government announcements, LGS has updated its direction and guidance to members.

- **Club Instruction**

All **club instruction and mutual flying in club gliders will cease** as of today, 21 March, until further notice. This includes all weekday, weekend and evening Groups.

This move is in order to further decrease the risk of the spread of the virus, and the decision has been informed following a survey of LGS instructors.

Solo and mutual flying by licence-standard pilots in private gliders may continue, as can solo flying by licence-standard pilots in club gliders. Pilots making use of club gliders are responsible for making sure that the aircraft is clean and properly sanitised both before and after flight.

- **Bar and Restaurant**

In line with the latest government instructions, the **LGS restaurant and bar are closed** until further notice.

We will do what we can to offer alternative food and refreshment services. More information will follow.

The Society will work closely with Jason and Abi to ensure that we help minimise the impact on their activities, support them as appropriate, and ensure that we are in a position to return to normal service as soon as possible on the relaxation of the restrictions.

Now's also a good time to remind ourselves of LGS's existing directions:

- Non-members - other than guests accompanying members – are not permitted on site.
- All those planning to come to Lasham should **fully comply** with current Government or NHS UK advice<sup>1</sup> concerned with minimising the risk of catching or spreading the virus, and be considerate to the needs and concerns of others. If in any doubt, individuals should not take unnecessary risks and should adopt the most prudent course of action.
- Whilst on site, members must **fully comply** with Government and NHS UK guidance on hygiene and social distancing<sup>2</sup>, especially whilst accessing any of the communal areas.
- If Government or NHS UK advice on self-isolation or staying at home applies to a member then they must either not come to the airfield or should remove themselves immediately. Members must not self-isolate or quarantine themselves anywhere on site.

If a member contracts COVID-19 having been on site at any time during the preceding 14 days, we ask that they inform the LGS office. LGS will help in ensuring the member concerned is able to contact those that they might have come into close contact with whilst on site. LGS will maintain strict confidentiality in all such instances.

The COVID-19 situation is developing rapidly, and government advice is being updated frequently. The above guidance and measures are effective immediately and will remain in force until Friday, 1 May, unless otherwise amended. LGS members will be notified of any changes by **email**, and up-to-date information will be posted on the **LGS website** and **Facebook** pages.

We all very much hope that there will be no need for further measures, and that those that we have had to action can be relaxed or removed as soon as practically possible. In the meantime, we hope that everyone remains healthy and continues to enjoy their gliding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting either myself, Gavin or Colin.

Patrick Naegeli  
Chairman  
21 March, 2020

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>