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Dear Member,

Given the rapid spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), we wanted to provide an update on how this affects Harrow Cricket Club and its operations.

The latest Government guidance and information regarding the coronavirus can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Harrow Cricket Club is closely following the advice provided by the Government and other relevant organisations regarding the coronavirus.

The latest Government advice is that we should avoid all non-essential travel, work from home where possible and avoid gatherings, large or otherwise.

As of this afternoon, the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has released a statement stating that it recommends all forms of recreational cricket should be suspended. This includes training, pre-season friendlies and ANY associated cricket related activities.

It is important that we all follow the medically led advice in the continued global battle against the virus and the spread of the virus.

**We have therefore taken to the decision to close the Club and its facilities to all members and visitors for the time being. This is taking in best interests of the Club and more importantly, its members and their wellbeing. This closure is effective from 6pm today (18 March 2020).**

This closure extends to all parts of the Club for social meetings, functions & events and also to the use of our playing areas (including use of the nets).

We will continue to work with the ECB, MCA, MCB, MCCL and any other relevant organisations and update our members once further information emerges.

**We will look to resume operations at the Club and start the season at the earliest opportunity but we stress that this can only be done when it is safe to do so and based on the advice provided both by the Government and our governing bodies. We do expect to play cricket again this summer at some point, but right now cannot give a firm date on when this will be for the reasons outlined above.**



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## Preventing the spread of COVID-19

As with any other illness, all those involved in cricket in Britain are encouraged to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 and avoid catching it by following Public Health England and NHS guidance.

Information on how to do this is provided on the [NHS.UK website](https://www.nhs.uk), with additional information available on the [Public Health England blog](#).

The Government has advised that hand hygiene should be strongly promoted, and we would encourage you to follow the advice given by both the NHS and Public Health England.

Anyone who has been advised to self-isolate, isolate as a family or stay at home based on the advice on the [NHS.UK website](https://www.nhs.uk) should clearly follow the advice for the duration of the specified period. We would remind you that if you have recently returned from a country affected by Covid-19, please follow the advice provided by Public Health England and the NHS.

If you are over the age of 70 or considered to be on a high risk category, you should limit your social interaction further.

All those at Harrow Cricket Club hope that you remain safe and well during these difficult times.

Best Wishes,

The Executive Committee  
Harrow Cricket Club