



# COVID-19 Guideline Breach Guide

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## **Guide to COVID-19 Guideline Breaches**

England Lacrosse is aware that the vast majority of individuals and organisations involved in lacrosse are adhering to our Phased Return to Play guidance approved by the Department of Culture Media and Sport. However, a very small number of instances have occurred where the guidance is not followed, and we have produced this additional guide to assist in dealing with these coronavirus breaches.

The guide is to assist bodies needing to apply sanction and allows decisions to be made on a case-by-case basis, so it is not a formal set of rules. England Lacrosse wishes to stress that repeated failure to comply with the COVID-19 protocols either by an individual or organization will need to lead to an escalation in sanctions.

### **Breach Reporting Protocol**

Identify the covid-19 officer present and make them aware of the breach. If you are unable to find them wait until they are available, if not please email [covid@englandlacrosse.co.uk](mailto:covid@englandlacrosse.co.uk) detailing the situation.

The covid-19 officer will report the breach by email to the regional association and England Lacrosse ([covid@englandlacrosse.co.uk](mailto:covid@englandlacrosse.co.uk)). Sanctions for the breach will be decided by the league and region.

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## Possible Offences

The three elements to reduce the spread of the virus should someone be carrying it are: fomite, droplet and population. We have outlined below examples of the Return to Play guidance not being adhered to noting that this is not designed to be a fully comprehensive list.

<b>Fomite</b>	<b>Droplet</b>	<b>Population</b>
Deliberately not following the rules around touching balls and others equipment.	Deliberate face to face contact with players or officials. Less than 1 meter.	Knowingly attending an event while being positive for Covid-19.
Repeated failure to comply with sanitization.	Deliberately spitting at or on a player or official.	Knowingly breaking COVID-19 protocol to attend.
	Persistent and intentionally not adhering to social distancing rules such as game or goal celebrations	Failing to have a COVID-19 lead nominated to EL.
		Failing to follow COVID-19 protocol such as temperature tests on arrival.
		Breaking the number of individuals allowed in a game (30)

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## Possible Sanctions

The key question to answer in the above is whether the guidance not being followed deliberately or was it a lack of awareness or carelessness?

### **Type of sanction, order or measure for deliberate breaches of the Return to Play Guidance**

- A reprimand, such as formal written letter to individual or club.
- A fine.
- A deduction or loss of competition points (NA due to friendly leagues, non-competition related).
- Expulsion or suspension from a match or competition.
- Suspension from attending and/or playing in matches.
- Cancellation of Registration.
- Other such disciplinary sanctions as deemed appropriate in accordance with England Lacrosse rules, regulations and bylaws.

Formal sanction on individual or club is required to be held with England Lacrosse and the regions' Covid Officer(s).

## Appeals

An individual can appeal against the sanction imposed by a disciplinary body to their regional association, providing they can demonstrate that there are reasonable reasons for the appeal to be lodged i.e., disciplinary processes and procedures not being adhered to or sanction imposed is not appropriate.

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