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Covid-19: Key sector dates and milestones

20th March 2020 – Gym and leisure facilities close across the UK

25th March 2020 – ukactive urge chancellor to provide financial support for self-employed

13th April 2020 – ukactive issue urgent call to restrict tactics used by landlords coercing gym/leisure centres into paying rent.

23rd April 2020 – ukactive set out four-stage strategy to support reopening

5th May 2020 – ukactive identifies 5 key areas for policy support: workforce; support to rebuild; local authority leisure providers; rent; children and young people.

7th May 2020 – ukactive unveils recommended framework for reopening

13th May 2020 – questioning over job retention scheme

19th May 2020 – Greg Whyte writes blog outlining the crucial role our sector will play in the nation's recovery from Covid-19

21st May 2020 – ukactive's Huw Edwards joins MPs and sector leads to discuss the impact on physical activity sector

29th May 2020 – ukactive calls for collaboration with devolved governments to support reopening of the sector

8th June 2020 – Lobbying to extend the protection of the sector by extending the Insolvency Bill and to scrap the Stamp Duty Land Tax during lockdown.

17th June 2020 – ukactive join leisure, hospitality and retail sector in call for urgent extension of rent protection

29th June 2020 – ukactive and Community Leisure UK write to every MP to call on central government to ring-fence funding for public leisure providers

1st July 2020 – Facilitating government visits to leisure sites prior to reopening ensuring public health officials are comfortable with changes the sector has adopted.

4th July 2020 – Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson (Chair of ukactive) pens a letter to the Prime Minister Boris Johnson urging clarity and support for our sector

7th July 2020 – CEO Huw Edwards gives evidence at DCMS Select Committee regarding the effect of Covid-19 on the sector

8th July 2020 – ukactive calls for government stimulus package for the physical activity sector

9th July 2020 – announcement of legal reopening of indoor gym and leisure facilities in England will occur 25th July

10th July 2020 – Gyms and leisure centres in Northern Ireland reopen

13th July 2020 – Baroness TGT pens op-ed in *The Telegraph* titled "We need a e need a fundamental change in the way physical activity is valued' to highlight tole of the sector in supporting positive outcomes in the UK going forward

14th July 2020 – Called for review of taxation and regulatory measures. The industry requires more investment to recover and grow – calling government for workout from work scheme

25th July 2020 – Indoor gyms reopen in England

25th July 2020 – ukactive begins weekly data updates to Governments on Covid-rates in facilities



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- 30th July 2020 – Calls for clarification on reopening in Scotland
- 30th July 2020 – Announcement of legal reopening of gyms and leisure centres in Wales to take place 10th August
- 5th August 2020 – Statement from ukactive supporting gyms and localised lockdown in Bradford
- 10th August 2020 – Gyms reopen in Wales
- 20th August 2020 – Announcement of legal reopening of gym and leisure facilities in Scotland on 31st August
- 31st August 2020 – Gyms reopen in Scotland
- 14th September 2020 – Following requests from ukactive, Welsh Government drops '30-person limit' inside facilities
- 1st October 2020 – Steam rooms and saunas open in England
- 19th October 2020 – Government announces gyms and leisure centres can remain open in Tier 3
- 31st October 2020 – England-wide lockdown announced for month of November, gyms and leisure centres to close
- 9th November 2020 – Gyms and leisure centres re-open in Wales following 'firebreak' lockdown
- 23rd November 2020 – ukactive briefs MPs ahead of debate on petition to keep gyms open
- 20th December 2020 – Tier 4 announced for parts of England, closing gyms and leisure centres
- 20th December 2020 – Wales announces March-style lockdown, gyms and leisure centres to close
- 26th December 2020 – Scotland announces lockdown for mainland, gyms and leisure centres close
- 29th December 2020 – ukactive writes to all MPs urging them to support physical activity centres
- 4th January 2020 – England announces nationwide lockdown, all gyms and leisure centres to close.