



COVID-19 UPDATE FROM NARCH ON 3rd NOVEMBER 2020

(This update is not applicable to NARCH International members. For members operating in Wales, Scotland and Ireland, you should refer to your own local government guidelines, where these will differ from those of England.)

LOCKDOWN FOR ENGLAND COMMENCING 5th NOVEMBER 2020

Following the Prime Minister Boris Johnson's announcement on 31st October 2020 that England will enter a second phase of National lockdown, the NARCH Committee wanted to review all the information available in order to provide a considered response to our members. Whilst these new measures are yet to be voted on by the UK Parliament, it nevertheless appears inevitable that lockdown will commence on Thursday 5th November 2020 and will remain in place until December 2nd when lockdown measures will be reviewed.

Whilst our industry is not listed as a business type that must close, should you wish to remain open, we would recommend that you review your clients and then consider only essential animal health and welfare needs for treatment.

We would respectfully ask that you check and refresh your risk assessment procedures, together with your individual Covid-19 existing protocols to ensure the continued safety of your staff, your clients, the public and yourself. Safe, social distancing must be adhered to in your centre, along with the wearing of appropriate PPE. We would also suggest that wherever possible, clients should remain outside your premises. You may wish to remind your clients and your team of the part that they must each undertake in controlling the virus.

Whether you choose to practise or to temporarily close during this lockdown, NARCH will fully support all our members, regardless of their decision.

Refer to Covid-19 – NARCH Good Practice and Safe Behaviours for Hydrotherapists protocol document dated 12th May 2020, held in the [Resource Library](#) of NARCH website.

For further information on financial support and grants please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#financial-support>

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