



COVID-19 – UPDATE FROM NARCH ON 2nd DECEMBER 2020

(This update is not applicable to NARCH International members)

England enters a new tier system of Covid-19 restrictions on 2nd December 2020 and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland continue to be subject to their own local government Covid-19 restrictions. It is therefore important that all RCHs, wherever they may operate within the United Kingdom, follow the latest government guidelines for their specific area.

With the likelihood that Covid-19 restrictions will be reviewed by government on a regular basis for the foreseeable future, it will become ever-more critical that individual RCHs and Centre owners continually review government advice regarding guidelines and restrictions and make their own business decisions accordingly.

Our recommendation remains unchanged that you should continually review your clients and patients in order to ensure that priority can be given in the first instance to 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 strongly suggest that, wherever possible, clients should remain outside your premises and that this should become your normal procedure over the next 4 to 6 month period. You may wish to remind your clients and your team, of the part that they must each undertake in controlling the virus.

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.

It seems inevitable that government guidelines and restrictions will change over the coming months, depending upon the severity of the virus and the rate of infection. We must therefore all be prepared for this possibility.

Please be assured that NARCH will fully support all our members over the coming months.

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