



# **NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

# UPDATE 3 - 16 MARCH 2020



As you will no doubt have seen the Government have today changed their stance in relation to “non-essential contact” and “unnecessary travel” – also labelled as “social distancing”.

Today’s FA statement reads:

“Following the Government’s announcement today, for people to avoid social contact and gatherings where possible, we are now advising that all grassroots football in England is postponed for the foreseeable future.

Throughout this period, we have taken Government advice with the priority being the health and wellbeing of all. We will continue to work closely with the grassroots game during this time.

We are in regular communication with the Government and the situation within English football at all levels remains under regular review. Further updates will follow as needed.”

The Premier League, EFL, and the Leagues of the NLS have now suspended fixtures.

As the Governing Body our advice to all in the game is that no football continues for the foreseeable time. We hope that Counties, Clubs and Leagues work collaboratively and take this advice and apply it. We are confident that, given today’s Government advice, this will be the case.

This scenario presents a unique situation for not only the NLS but football in its entirety. The FA’s Alliance and Leagues Committees along with The FA executive, are committed to work tirelessly to find a solution moving forward and will update Leagues and Clubs in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

### **Getting the latest government advice/understanding if self-isolation should apply**

Read the latest information about the situation in the UK, along with guidance for what to do if you think you're at risk.

Go to [NHSUK/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) for information about the virus and how to protect yourself. Use the [111 online coronavirus service](#) to check if you need medical help.

For guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK and protecting older people and vulnerable adults – [CLICK HERE](#)

COVID-19: guidance for mass gatherings – [CLICK HERE](#)