

In line with the Return to Rugby Roadmap, the government has announced that some rugby facilities can reopen from 4 July. It is important that each club makes its own decision about why and when it would like to reopen facilities. To help determine what's best for your club, work through the steps outlined and link through to more detailed resources such as our risk assessment framework, good practice checklists and action planning guidance.

STEP 1: WHAT FACILITIES CAN WE OPEN?

Facilities that are able to open must follow government guidance regarding health, social distancing and hygiene, including ensuring that;

- All visitors to the club can maintain a safe one metre plus distance
- Good hygiene is facilitated and promoted
- Cleaning practices are in place and equipment is disinfected regularly
- Clubs have an action plan in place to implement the **government guidance** in the event that a recent visitor to the facilities tests positive for Covid-19
- Operating licences are checked to ensure they are appropriate for the services the club would like to offer.
- Records of all visitors to the club are kept for 21 days to support NHS Test and Trace

 <p>Outdoor playing fields can be used</p>	 <p>Toilets and throughways may be opened</p>	 <p>Kitchens can be opened & catering services resumed</p>	 <p>Car parks can open if needed</p>	 <p>Bars/social spaces may open with restrictions</p>	 <p>Changing Rooms should remain closed</p>	 <p>Indoor gyms must remain closed</p>
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STEP 2: WHY ARE WE REOPENING?

To help you prioritise tasks and assess implications and costs of reopening it is useful to be clear about the reasons that you want to reopen your facilities. Examples could include:

- Re-engage junior players
- Re-engage adult players
- Re-engage non playing members
- Start to generate revenue
- Stay in touch with members
- Recruit new members
- Support the local community

STEP 3: WHAT FACILITIES DO WE NEED TO REOPEN?

Once you have identified the reasons you would like to reopen, you can identify the specific facilities that you need to reopen in order to achieve this.

For example, if you want to generate revenue through selling take away food, there may be no need to open playing facilities or toilets.

A phased approach to reopening could also be mapped out at this stage.

STEP 4: HOW DO WE IDENTIFY AND MANAGE RISK?

Risk assessments should already be a tool your club uses and the RFU has a number of resources to help on the [RFU Insurance Centre](#).

Review your existing policies and risk assessments, and add a Covid-19 specific element. The aim is to introduce suitable and sufficient control measures to reduce the risk of contracting the virus to as low a level as is 'reasonably practicable'. Your Covid-19 risk assessment should record what you are doing at your premises to manage the risk. In partnership with RFU insurers, we have created an [example risk assessment framework & Liability Insurance FAQs](#) for clubs.

For more information about duty of care and Covid-19, go to [Sport England's guidance](#).

STEP 5: HOW DO WE OPEN SAFELY & EFFICIENTLY?

Work through our checklists for guidance on how to:

- Reopen safely and efficiently
- Make the necessary changes to your facilities to help prevent the spread of Covid-19

NATURAL TURF PITCHES	ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES
CAR PARK	SOCIAL SPACE
TOILETS	THROUGHWAYS
KITCHEN & CELLAR	BAR

Sport England has also created specific guidance on [social distancing](#) and [hygiene](#) and the [RFU Club Hub](#) has a range of specially procured products to help with the rugby restart.

STEP 6: HOW DO WE CREATE AN ACTION PLAN?

Use the action planning framework [example](#) and [template](#) provided to bring together an action plan based on the steps above that identifies;

- If it is appropriate for the club to re-open facilities
- Which facilities the club needs to re-open
- When these facilities might be ready to be re-opened
- What the cost of reopening & operating facilities in the 'new normal' is likely to be
- Who will take responsibility for all the elements of the action plan