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Green maintenance during virus outbreak

Mowing

The green should be mowed at 8 / 10mm as required

Scarifying/verticutting

This should have already been carried out, if not then needs to be done asap

Fertiliser

A autumn fertiliser application will have already been applied to keep a steady growth, this will need to be repeated in January using a high potash fertiliser

Watering

This will need to be done as required, during any prolonged dry spells

Aeration/spiking

If autumn aeration has been carried then a monthly aeration program will be beneficial using solid or slit tines Do not use slit tines after February.

Wetting agent

The wetting agent program should still be carried out to prevent dry patch

Chemical applications

Eg fungicide / mosskiller

These should be applied as required

If the green is being maintained by contractors
Check that they are still operating during lockdown
Have they furloughed staff, if they have will this impact on future maintenance.

Nearly all suppliers are open as normal, some are doing click&collect others are only online.

Machinery maintenance should be arranged in the near future

**REMEMBER IF YOU ARE WORKING ALONE.
MAKE SURE THAT YOU LOCK THE GATES
TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM APPROCHING
YOU**

ABOVE ALL KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

Information from The Dept culture media & sport
Subject: Re: Essential maintenance of sports turf
during lockdown

“Thank you so much for getting in contact - you have come to the right place. We are aware of these issues and are seeking clarity where necessary. The public health guidance is of course subject to review, but I can be clear about some of your key questions. In short, contractors are indeed permitted to work - anyone who can't perform their usual work at home, can travel to work. Volunteers are able to travel to clubs to perform these functions too, as without them, as you say, the facilities are at risk. Police should not be sending maintenance staff home as they are performing their work, in the only place that it can be done.

I hope this can be of some help
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