

Musselburgh Amateur Swimming Club, home of the

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## **Release Date: 23 July 2020**

Dear all,

Thank you for your continued support and patience during these unchartered times.

As a Club we have navigated through difficult circumstances of late yet MASC members pulled together to reshape, rebuild and collaborate to achieve Scottish Swimming's highest accreditation (SwiMark Plus) but ... we are not done yet!

I mentioned in my last COVID communication that a SwimReady Project Group was in place and ready to take on this new challenge. Behind the scenes a small sub-section of this group is working tirelessly to ensure MASC is in the strongest position to safely return to the pool as soon as we get the green light to do so. This date, sadly, is still unclear.

This small group (our "Lead COVID Team") comprises of myself (MASC President), Danny Kirkham (MASC Head Coach) and Jonathan Sharples (MASC Communication and Admin Sec) our main aim is to understand how a safe, effective, financially viable and enjoyable return to training can be achieved for all our members (e.g. swimmers, coaches and volunteers) and all those outwith the Club we come into contact with (e.g. Leisure Centre staff) in the current climate.

This means attendance by one or all of us at numerous internal and external meetings, detailed analysis/interpretation of all available guidance, discussing matters with other key MASC role holders and locally with our friends at Enjoy Leisure, ELST and our home clubs.

Thus far, this lead team has created a wealth of draft "live" documents which will continue to be updated and refined as further guidance is released from relevant parties.

These documents include MASC specific COVID guidance (e.g. new health & safety measures, entry/exit procedures, what to wear/required kit, how training sessions will operate etc.), our detailed risk assessments, return to training induction procedures, membership return/health questionnaire, training sessions sensitivity analysis (best/worst scenarios based on allowable lane numbers, allowable family group contact, coach requirements), etc.

Once final guidance is incorporated into these documents and they are approved by MASC's Management Committee the relevant information will be issued with a concrete start date.

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This has and continues to be a hugely complex task and I would ask for your continued patience but also plead for volunteers to come forward to offer support to key roles (particularly at Executive level) and for new roles (e.g. COVID Liaison Officers which are necessary at each training session).

MASC is in a very strong position to move forward and transition through this pandemic but to do that it requires us all to play a part.

A dedicated COVID Officer will be announced in due course and will be supported in their duties by the Lead COVID Team and COVID Liaison Officers.

For your convenience a separate COVID email address has been created to deal with any relevant questions or concerns as we move forward:

[masccovidteam@gmail.com](mailto:masccovidteam@gmail.com)

Should you require further information at this stage please do not hesitate to contact myself, Danny or Jonathan in the first instance using the email address above.

We have a dedicated website for our SwimReady project: <http://www.musselburghmarlins.co.uk/news/swimready/>

With best wishes

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MASC Club President