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Covid 19 – Looking to the future for BCA award holders 15/05/2020

This is a difficult time for every sector of society across the UK. Thus, any return to guided and led activity needs to be handled sensitively and cautiously to ensure safety for participants, leaders and the wider community, as well as protecting the reputation and of cavers and caving.

Both BCA and BCRC have issued guidance statements and any activity undertaken by award holders should reflect this advice:

<https://british-caving.org.uk/wiki3/doku.php>

<https://www.caverescue.org.uk/cave-rescue-coronavirus-update/>

The UK Government Covid 19 Recovery Strategy

QMC note that the UK Government's C-19 Recovery Strategy indicates that some forms of outdoor instructed/coached activity can start to resume in a limited way in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-personal-trainers-and-coaches-on-the-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation>

However this guidance needs to be interpreted carefully, bearing in mind the concerns of rural communities, landowners and Cave Rescue Organisations. Note also the statements from some of the National Parks.

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/the-yorkshire-dales-national-park-authority-asks-everyone-to-show-respect/>

<https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/learning-about/news/current-news/coronavirus-covid-19-update#11may>

Advice remains **not** to travel for work or recreation in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

For up to date information refer to:

England www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Wales www.gov.wales/coronavirus

Scotland <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Northern Ireland <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19>

As the situation is dynamic, government advice and guidance can and will change.

Key considerations for our return to underground adventures will follow.