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Dear Member

Coronavirus update

As most of you will be aware Coronavirus is spreading within the UK and has claimed its first victims, although this is concerning, we do feel that at this present time there is no need to panic but increase your awareness and hygiene procedures.

At this time, we will not be stopping any Yorkshire Young Farmers' meetings or events but will be reviewing this constantly as we are updated by the government. This can be the same for club or district events unless you feel there is cause for the event to be postponed or cancelled, you will be all more aware of the situation in your local area and I'm sure will take the appropriate action.

If you are in the "vulnerable" group who could be more at risk from Coronavirus (those of an older age, pregnant, or with a pre-existing health condition such as high blood pressure, heart disease, lung disease, asthma, cancer or diabetes) then we do ask that you decide yourselves whether to take extra precautions whether that be staying away from large groups or events and self-isolating.

We recommend that every member follows the governments advice on washing your hands as much as possible for at least 20 seconds with soap or hand sanitiser. Catch coughs or sneezes in a handkerchief, bin it and then wash your hands again.

If you have travelled in a high risk area of the world or country recently then I ask that you stay away from Young Farmer events for a least 14 days as per the governments advice, this will help protect your fellow members and hopefully help stop the transmission of this infection.

The most important thing is the health of yourself and your fellow members and this takes importance over anything else. Please see below some useful links that give current advice on what to do and look for.

If you have concerns about your club/district or event, then please get in touch with county office or the senior officer team.

Call 111 if you have any of the symptoms linked with Coronavirus and follow the NHS instructions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJrpfmnOnpc>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Yours faithfully

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