Impact of Local Restrictions in West Yorkshire

Areas affected
- Bradford (metropolitan district council area)
- Calderdale (metropolitan borough council area)
- Kirklees (metropolitan district council area)
- Leeds from 26 September

Who is affected?
- Golf clubs in affected areas
- Members of golf clubs living in affected areas, even where their golf club falls outside of the area

What are the changes?
- People must not meet with members of other households in private homes or gardens, unless in a support bubble
- Clubhouses may remain open for food and beverage but Government advises against socialising with people from other households in such areas. Those running facilities are advised to take steps to encourage people from different households to not socialise together
- Locker rooms should be closed except for allowing use of toilets and wash-hand basins

What remains unchanged?
Aside from those changes outlined above, no other changes to the guidance in our ‘Framework for Playing Golf’ are required. The current guidance can be found here - https://www.englandgolf.org/download/a-framework-for-playing-golf/

This includes
- Playing of golf outdoors may continue in its current format
- Up to six different households may continue to interact with one another in outdoor areas
- Pro’s Shops may remain open with mandatory wearing of face coverings
- Face coverings must also be worn in all public areas of the clubhouse, except for whilst eating and drinking
- A legal obligation for clubs to collect track and trace information on all visitors to the clubhouse and to retain this information for 21 days

Clubs/facilities should adhere to the guidelines provided. These have been published to assist clubs/facilities in providing as safe an environment as they can. Failure to follow this guidance may leave clubs/facilities open to enforcement action from local authorities and/or Police, or subject to disciplinary procedures from England Golf.
Where can we find more information?

West Yorkshire specific guidance - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/west-yorkshire-local-restrictions

NB – clubs should liaise with their relevant Local Authority to access advice on local restrictions and to ensure that they are complying with them.