

**1. Our focus is on returning safely and protecting the health of all those taking part in behind closed doors racing, whilst reassuring the communities in which racing takes place that the risks of transmitting the virus have been minimised.**

**2. Our plans have been developed in consultation with the government and public officials and are aligned with guidance issued for the return of elite sports**

**3.. The risks are lower for racing events than in other sports and industries.**

- It is a non-contact sport in which social distancing can be maintained in most situations
- It takes place out of doors where the risks of virus transmission are recognised to be lower
- Most of those attending live in rural areas where the incidence of COVID-19 is generally lower
- Training of horses has continued: staff and riders have already adapted to social distancing
- We have analysed injury risks to ensure we don't put unnecessary pressure on the NHS and we are using private hospitals

**4. Racing will take place in a controlled environment with robust guidelines in place, including**

- Efficient, repeated, targeted medical screening to ensure as much as possible that everyone who is on a racecourse is safe to be on that racecourse
- Detailed guidance and protocols around managing a race day safely and mitigating the risks of the transmission of coronavirus
- Education to support behaviour changes, alongside sanctions if appropriate and necessary
- A surveillance programme to monitor the virus in racing areas

**5 It's vital we move to a full return to work for the racing industry, which is worth more than £4 billion annually for the economy, much of which is generated in rural areas. 20,000 staff are directly employed, with tens of thousands more working in jobs that depend on racing.**

- A full set of questions and answers are available on the [BHA website](#) for those seeking more details.
- Details of how racing has been supporting the NHS and the national effort on COVID-19 can be found [here](#).