

Westfield Health British Transplant Games Coventry 2020 COVID-19 Statement

The Trustees of Transplant Sport and MLS held a further teleconference yesterday evening to discuss the 2020 Westfield Health British Transplant Games in Coventry.

Our main concern is the safety of all our participants, their families and friends and to the numerous volunteers and employees who support the Transplant Games many of whom work within the NHS.

In light of the evolving Coronavirus pandemic the Department of Health issued specific guidance to high risk groups including organ transplant, stem cell transplant recipients, and dialysis patients over the weekend. The advice is to stay at home, self-isolate and practice social distancing until at least late June 2020. We believe these measures may be extended beyond this time frame and recognise that it is clear that this pandemic will last for several months.

We have therefore taken the decision to postpone the British Transplant Games this year as well as all Transplant Sport events until the end of September 2020. This decision has the full support of all stakeholders and partners of the Games.

The decision on the timing of any future TS events will depend upon the impact and duration of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

This has been a very difficult decision to take and we are currently working with our partners to minimise any impact of the postponement of the Games. Please bear with us for the next few days whilst we work through the implications of this decision and we will update you through the TS and BTG websites and Facebook Pages, but also individually to those who have registered for BTG and to all Team Managers.

We ask all the TS Family to follow the Department of Health guidance mentioned earlier and stay safe and well.

