



## INFORMATION SHEET – COVID-19 SURVEY

You have been invited to participate in this SMS survey as you recently attended a Point-to-Point event and are over 18 years of age. The survey will help us monitor the health and COVID-19 status of spectators returning to sporting events. Please read through this information before agreeing to participate by responding to the SMS message you will receive. If you have any questions about taking part, please contact the lead researcher (details below).

We, Dr Madeleine Davies and Professor Keith Stokes at the University of Bath, in collaboration with the Point-to-Point Authority, British Horseracing Authority (BHA), and the Racing Industry's COVID-19 Response Group, are assessing COVID-19 status, and any contact received by NHS Test and Trace in the 14-days after attending a racing event.

The survey should take less than 5 minutes and no background knowledge is required. You will be asked between 3 and 6 questions, including if you have had a COVID-19 test or diagnosis, or been contacted by NHS Test and Trace since attending the event. If you have, we will ask for the date of the test, diagnosis or contact.

It is equally important for us to know if you **have or haven't had a test or been contacted by NHS Test and Trace**, so we can correctly monitor the health of all attendees.

The information collected will be used by the University of Bath to monitor the health of attendees after the event. This anonymous information will be reported the Point-to-Point Authority, BHA and the Racing Industry COVID-19 response group, and other stakeholders involved in the process of returning to sport participation and spectatorship, such as the Racecourses Association, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), and Sport England.

### **Do I have to take part?**

Your participation is voluntary. If you do decide to take part, you may withdraw at any time during the survey by replying 'STOP'.

### **How will my data be used?**

No identifiable data is collected (such as your name, email address or phone number), and your answers are completely anonymous. You will be asked if we may link your ticket registration data (such as age, sex and postcode) to your responses. This will be used to describe attendees on the whole (such as their age and gender), and if we do receive COVID-19 diagnoses, describe the attendees with these diagnoses.



If permission for this is granted, by you responding ‘Y’, we will then use your mobile number to link your survey responses to ticket registration data held by Point-to-Point. Once this non-identifiable and anonymous data is collected, your phone number used for the linkage will be deleted within 14 days. Due to this anonymous data collection, the withdrawal of data after this 14 day period when your number is deleted will not be possible.

Your data will be extracted by a named researcher and stored in a password-protected file. This data may be used in academic publications, in addition to the reporting described previously. Data will be stored for a minimum of 10 years.

### **Who will have access to my data?**

The data is collected using TextAnywhere (the survey software used), and will be extracted by the named researcher for research purpose described above. Research is performed in the public interest, and the University’s privacy notice is available here:

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/university-of-bath-privacy-notice-for-research-participants/>

Anonymised data may be used in further collaborative research also seeking to assess health related to COVID-19, which would be subject to additional ethical review.

This project has been reviewed by and received ethics clearance through the University of Bath Research Ethics Committee for Health (reference number EP 19/20 078).

### **Who do I contact if I have a concern about the study or if I wish to complain?**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please speak to Dr Madeleine Davies ([m.davies@bath.ac.uk](mailto:m.davies@bath.ac.uk)), who will do their best to address your query. I will acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how it will be dealt with. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the Chair of the Research Ethics Committee for Health at the University of Bath, who will seek to resolve the matter as soon as possible:

Chair of the Research Ethics Approval Committee for Health: Dr James Betts ([j.betts@bath.ac.uk](mailto:j.betts@bath.ac.uk), 01225 383448)