

Access to Public Information Response

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I am making a request under the 'Code of Practice for Access To Public Information' to see the 'strong evidence that the colocation of individuals undertaking intense exercise with a high degree of shared equipment and facilities in a gym environment, and other indoor spaces, increases the risk of a super-spreader event".

Response:

The Civil Contingencies Authority (CCA) has ensured that the Bailiwick's response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been flexible to react to changes in information and research data that has been published since the start of the pandemic in early 2020.

The CCA has assumed that this request for information has been raised in response to the lockdown requirements that were imposed in January 2021 and the staged exit from lockdown that followed.

The lockdown was an immediate response to the identification of 4 unlinked cases of COVID-19 identified in the Bailiwick. The stages of exit were based on the fact that the Kent variant of the virus was **highly transmissible**.

Public Health Services, when advising on considerations to exit took into account the considerable research data available regarding the virus and its variants. As an example, the following information is available on the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention website highlighting the impact of COVID-19 in exercise facilities:

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7009e1.htm?s_cid=mm7009e1_w

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7009e2.htm?s_cid=mm7009e2_w

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