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From: [REDACTED]
To: Richard Renouf <R.Renouf@gov.je>
Cc: Trevor Pointon <T.Pointon2@gov.je>, Jeremy Macon <J.Macon@gov.je>, Hugh Raymond <H.Raymond@gov.je>
Subject: Re: Health and Community Services - Fitness Centres
Date: Friday, December 04, 2020 13:52 UTC

Dear Mr. Renouf,

I'm aware of such incidents. While closing gyms will reduce the risk of transmission, the established research shows it will increase co-morbidities, and therefore hospitalisations.

I'm not aware of any data suggesting the net impact of gyms is negative. Considering our understanding of exercise and immunity, it appears the closing gyms will make the community more vulnerable...

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: R.Renouf@gov.je, Lyndon Farnham <l.farnham@gov.je> [REDACTED]
Subject: Exemptions
Date: Saturday, December 05, 2020 06:36 UTC
Attachments: image0.jpeg (339.1 KB)

Hi

there is a very sad taste within the industry right now after seeing this post (attached) which has now been removed.

We've come forward with a lot of evidence, followed by a petition which has over 3000 signatures in under 24 hours to keep the fitness industry open for everyone's health physically and mentally.

Quite a few people have theN received what appears to be a copy and paste email explaining it won't be reviewed for a couple of weeks because it's vital we stop exercise indoors in order to stop the spread of Covid-19 yet, it appears there are exemptions being made? Are these 'athletes' immune to this virus and unable to spread it? Perhaps you know something the rest of the world doesn't? Or perhaps these 'athletes' health are more important than everyone else's.

The post shows a complete lack of empathy for the many thousands who are unable to train.

How can the government ignore the risks for some people (who are government funded BTW) whilst leaving thousands of people unable to train.

I look forward to your response.

Thanks,

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From: Lyndon Farnham <L.Farnham@gov.je>

To: [REDACTED] Richard Renouf <R.Renouf@gov.je> [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Exemptions

Date: Saturday, December 05, 2020 07:30 UTC

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for sharing this information, it's the first I have heard of it and would think it unlikely that, given the current circumstances, an exemption had been made. I will however find out what the situation is.

It's hugely disappointing that gyms have had to close and I will do everything I can to ensure that the sector can open again as soon as possible.

KR,
Lyndon.

Senator Lyndon Farnham
Deputy Chief Minister | Minister for Economic Development Tourism Sport and Culture

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Lyndon Farnham <L.Farnham@gov.je>
Cc: Richard Renouf <R.Renouf@gov.je>, [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Exemptions
Date: Saturday, December 05, 2020 09:18 UTC
Attachments: image0.jpeg (339.1 KB)

Hi Lyndon,

Thank you so much for the prompt and honest response i really do appreciate it.

i know you are always doing your best for the public.

Thanks

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From: [Redacted]
To: R.Renouf@gov.je
Subject: Fwd: Closing of Gyms
Date: Thursday, December 03, 2020 06:47 UTC

Dear Deputy Renouf,

I am sorry to email this but I wanted to try and get the voice if the industry which has been closed down listened to.

I emailed Lyndon first off as he is someone I known for a number of years and I trust his thoughts and opinions.

He suggested I follow this up with you, see below.

I am not necessarily expecting things to be overturned, although would believe their is cause to. I'd just like to know what science backs this considering the UK Gov. changed their decision after looking at the data presented to them.

I thank you for your time, I can appreciate that these are tough times, but feel we need to view the fitness industry as part of the solution not the problem.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
To: r.renouf@gov.je,s.pallett@gov.je,j.macon@gov.je,H.Raymond@gov.je
Subject: Health and Community Services - Fitness Centres
Date: Friday, December 04, 2020 12:26 UTC

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please can you encourage your colleagues to re-consider the current forced closure of gyms on the island?

The established evidence shows that gyms increase immunity and reduce co-morbidities (such as those related to COVID). Closing them will likely make islanders more vulnerable and increase the hospitalisation rate.

There is no evidence that the transmission risk outweighs the above benefits. At the very least, there is scope for personal choice here, informed by medical advice.

Furthermore, gyms will help the increasing rates of mental illness, substance abuse and suicide.

I'm yet to see any data suggesting that gyms have a net negative impact. Closing them will likely do more harm than help.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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