

# APPENDIX 12:

## SENIOR 'ELITE' PLAYER SCREENING PROCESS

The Government has released specific guidance in relation to the Return to Play for athletes deemed as 'Elite'.

The definition of which is confirmed as:

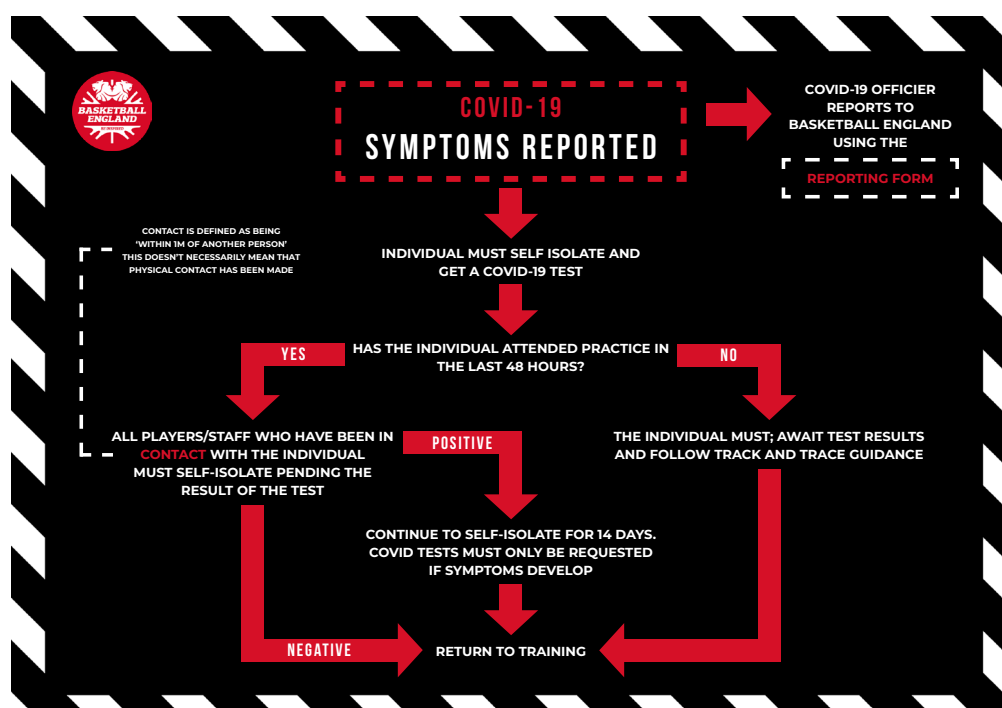
- An individual who derives a living from competing in a sport
- A senior representative nominated by a relevant sporting body
- A member of the senior training squad for a relevant sporting body
- Aged 16 or above and on an elite development pathway

For basketball this will include:

1. Professional players under contract by British Basketball League/Womens British Basketball League clubs
2. Professional players under contract by National Basketball League Division One clubs
3. Current England/Great Britain who are aged 16+ (U18, U20 & Senior players)
4. Student athletes on the England Development Programme (Elite Academy Basketball League/Womens Elite Academy Basketball League)

Basketball England's Return to Play (RtP) clearly depicts steps and measures that all clubs and members of the basketball community should take to mitigate anyone entering a basketball environment with the virus and also robust steps during training and competition to limit the spread of the virus in the event a player is A-symptomatic upon screening.

If a player or staff member develops any of the main three Covid-19 symptoms within 48hrs of being in a basketball environment, then clubs must follow the below steps:



In addition, we have supplied clubs with information and guidance in terms of returning to exercise following Covid-19 which can be found within our RtP document.

Whereas the above process is adequate for the wider basketball community it provides considerable challenges within 'Elite' environments, we have therefore created the below process which can be followed by any team deemed as 'Adult Elite' avoiding the need to isolate all of the teams players and staff members. If a team cannot fulfil the full requirements and steps outlined below, they must continue to follow our standard process detailed above.

- At the point that a player/staff member develops symptoms the club must engage with their local physician who is suitably qualified and will be responsible for overseeing the below process and coordinating with the clubs Covid-19 officers.
- All players and staff members who have been in contact with the player/staff member(s) must self-isolate pending the result of the Covid-19 test.
- If the test is negative the player/staff member will follow further instructions from NHS track and trace and the rest of the team/staff can return to training.
- If the test is positive, then the designated physician will need to provide or oversee private (Non NHS) Covid-19 tests for every player and staff/member twice during the 14-day period that the player/staff member is isolating as below:
  - Within 48hrs of the positive test being identified
  - On day 8 following the positive result of the player/staff member in isolation.
- If any further players/staff members test positive for Covid-19 after either of the above tests, then the club MUST put all players and staff into a 14-day isolation position in line with BE standard processes and protocols
- If the local physician or Covid-19 Officers has knowledge that outside of practice that Covid-19 secure practices have not been followed, then a 14-day shutdown of the club must be undertaken.
- Once all players are out of isolation the above process can stop with no further private testing needed unless further players develop symptoms, in which case the process would start again.

Please note that all Basketball England screening processes must continue to be followed during the completion of the above process.