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Dear Janet Finch-Saunders MS,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 June, regarding Petition P-05-981 to allow gyms and leisure centres to reopen.

Under the current guidelines, fitness studios, gyms, swimming pools or other indoor leisure centres are listed as premises which must remain closed. However, one-to-one personal training and coaching is allowed, provided it takes place outdoors and all current social distancing and hygiene measures are observed.

We are learning more about the virus every day and we know the risk of transmission is lower outdoors than indoors and that's why we were able to ease the restrictions following the last review, on 18 June, to allow most outdoor facilities to re-open. However, a lower risk doesn't mean no risk. Even in these circumstances it is vital we all maintain social distancing so we can continue to tackle the spread of this virus.

We continue to discuss the return of sport and exercise with our partners and stakeholders in the sector, and local authorities and leisure trusts are key members of the groups that have been established to bring forward proposals for each review of the coronavirus regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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