

## A Message from the Livestock Auctioneers Association

Following a teleconference meeting this morning it was made very clear to me that officials are not happy with the Covid-19 face covering and social distancing compliance rates at a handful of livestock markets in England.

Members are reminded that the wearing of face coverings in enclosed spaces in English markets is not an ask. **It is mandatory.**

**ALL MARKETS** should continue to ensure that compliance with the Social Distancing rules are adhered to, that adequate hand washing facilities are available for everyone to use and that a record of all attendees is kept.

In addition, in England, everyone entering the enclosed areas of the market must wear a face covering (except those that have an exemption for health reasons).

The LAA has worked tirelessly to ensure that members can continue trading and the live marketing system has gained considerable respect due to members implementing systems that make both vendors and purchasers feel safe in the market environment.

I fully understand and certainly do not underestimate the difficulties associated to requiring market attendees to wear a face coverings and adhere to the Social Distancing rules, but if we want our businesses to remain open some members need to do more.

I respectfully ask that members make every effort possible to ensure compliance within their markets.

I also request that members do not “post” pictures and/or film footage on Social Media showing clear breaches of the rules.