

Subject: FLASH Latest Covid Advisory

In light of the news this morning that the UK Government intends to introduce a ban in England on groups of over 6 people meeting, this will undoubtedly again have consequences for Branch meetings. I am also conscious that it is becoming somewhat fragmented between the countries of the Union as to what is allowed where so please ensure that you are following government guidelines for your part of the world. It is affecting us all – the Aquitaine Branch has had to cancel their lunch in the Dordogne today and Pendleton Branch have issued the notice below to their members.

This unfortunately pushes us back into the realms welfare support for our more vulnerable shipmates so please can I ask that your Branch Welfare systems are geared up to be able to contact those who may be feeling cut off and lonely. **The RNA Helpline remains open and available on 07542 680082.**

Please be aware that the National Council have granted me a budget to allow branches to purchase Zoom Pro and I would encourage you to use it.

Please also publicise our programme of weekly Fireside Chats which is still running. Next Monday at 1800 our National President, VAdm McAnally, will present on the war in the Pacific. All are welcome, just click on this link [here](#)

Also, the virtual totters continue to toast Her Majesty every Saturday at 1900. Details on the RNA Community Site Facebook Page. Again, all welcome – bring your own rum!

Let's continue to do what we do best – camaraderie!

Best wishes to all,

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