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Dear AME Colleagues,

We recently provided guidance that Class 2 and LAPL medical examinations should not routinely take place during the current COVID lockdown. We have had more feedback on this issue from both the AME and GA flying communities, and following discussion with the DfT, particularly in relation to how our guidance sits with both the Cabinet Office guidance on the Public Health requirement to stay at home to prevent the spread of the virus, and the DfT's guidance on which GA activities can continue.

Cabinet Office guidance is that individuals may leave home 'for any medical reason, including to get a COVID-19 test, for medical appointments and emergencies.' It is the interpretation of 'any medical reason' that has caused discussion regarding whether a medical examination for the purpose of a pilot's licence for recreational flying is included in this definition.

We have therefore agreed that AMEs can advise and determine whether conducting a certification appointment is justified, weighing the risks of attending the appointment with the flight safety assurance it provides, such as to permit, *inter alia*, the conduct of engine health and maintenance flights or renew currency that will expire imminently, where the pilot cannot use the medical self-declaration system or does not have the benefit a CAA Exemption extending certificate validity.

We encourage AMEs to document discussions with the applicant that inform the decision to undertake the appointment, and if you need support or assistance please contact us in the usual way.

With best regards,

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