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You will receive tomorrow your Coronavirus Weekly Report. We are grateful for all the comments and advice from Chamber members and have adapted the report accordingly. You will note that England is faring well compared to most countries in Europe and that East Kent is especially well positioned to welcome visitors and tourists. What is less clear is whether the end of lockdown will be confirmed for 21st June 2021.

For perfectly understandable reasons, the government is awaiting the latest data before making a formal announcement. Although we are confident that some spectators will be allowed to attend The Open from 11th to 18th July 2021, we are still awaiting news as to how many and under what conditions. The results of this uncertainty impact heavily on event management companies of all sizes and your Chamber is no exception. The result is that we will not be able to offer our scheduled and ever-popular Chamber Business Networking Breakfast on 2nd July 2021 but will be resuming these meetings as soon as it is reasonable to do so.

We can confident that The R&A will put on a spectacular show at Royal St. George's Golf Club for The Open, whatever the prevailing conditions, and we are also certain that our own Chamber Charity Golf Day will go ahead as planned at the same venue on 2nd November 2021.

Surrounded by so many uncertainties and obstacles to profitable trading, it is comforting to hear nearly every day how Chamber members are supporting each other through these difficult times. Your copy of the Chamber's East Kent Business Directory lists suppliers in almost every sector of our economy and the mutual support this generates has been a critical factor in sustaining some local companies. You can also be certain that the Chamber is here to support you around the clock. Whatever issue you raise, we will address your question promptly and in confidence. Our East Kent Business Advice Clinic is fully operational as a free service and we are grateful for the many words of gratitude and encouragement received from Chamber members who have attended the sessions.

Finally, the government may make a definitive announcement about the ending of lockdown at any time and we will be pleased to ensure you are updated. In the meantime, as always please feel free to contact the Chamber, your Chamber, and let us know your thoughts and opinions.

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