



GAM COVID-19 PROCEDURE

The committee of Guildford Advanced Motorists (GAM) recognise their responsibilities in ensuring a safe place for all activities they organise and will carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments for all activities.

This statement covers the precautions that may need to be taken when carrying out advanced driver training, Observer training, testing and examination and other related advanced driving activities. It applies to all GAM Members, volunteers, Associates and others we engage with during the course of our driving activities.

The procedure for driving and associated activities is as follows:

1. If either party has ANY concerns the session should not be carried out. Participants should make clear decisions about the procedure to be followed before departing on the drive, using these guidelines;
2. UK government Covid safety rules take priority, so it is up to participants to be aware of rules that are applied nationally and locally in order to safeguard all involved, including the general public;
3. Any specific requirements such as for face coverings or distancing at third party premises visited during the drive (e.g. café or service station) must be followed;
4. Visitors to the Guildford Borough Council depot are required to wear a face covering whilst in the building on GAM business;
5. The driver of the vehicle takes the lead in deciding whether specific precautions must be taken in their vehicle – this applies to Associates on a training run, Observers undertaking demonstration drives, members of the public being assessed, and all other GAM Observed driving activities;
6. If the driver or their passengers wish to wear a face covering and ask the other occupants to do the same, or wish carry out any other precaution they consider reasonable, their wishes take priority;
7. Driving with windows open or with the vehicle ventilation system in 'fresh air' mode is highly recommended – do not use 'recirculation' mode;
8. It is advisable to confirm that no participants:
 - a. Have recently tested positive for COVID-19 and should be self-isolating;
 - b. Are currently showing symptoms of COVID-19 and should be self-isolating;
 - c. Are part of a household where residents are either of the above;
9. GAM has no legal basis to require anyone to produce a vaccine certificate, proof of vaccination, or sign a declaration about their vaccination status in order to carry out activities.