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The measures and precautions Cheltenham Festival are taking to beat Coronavirus and the advice issued to racegoers

Ahead of The Festival on Tuesday, March 10, Cheltenham Racecourse have increased the number of facilities at the venue - including wash basins and are making hand sanitiser 'readily available'



Cheltenham Racecourse is to host the Cheltenham Festival next week (Image: Getty Images)

Cheltenham Racecourse have issued health advice for racegoers heading to **The Festival** from Tuesday, March 10 amid the Coronavirus outbreak.

In the lead up to the event, Cheltenham Racecourse have **reassured attendees** that the four-day event will go ahead. In their latest statement, the racecourse said they have increased the number of facilities available to racegoers, such as wash basins and toilet facilities.

A spokesperson for Cheltenham Racecourse said: "We look forward to staging The Festival presented by Magners at Cheltenham next week. We welcome the government's guidance that the business of the country should continue as usual, while ensuring we adhere to the latest public health advice.

"We have increased the number of wash basins and toilet facilities on site, we will make hand sanitiser readily available and increase the number of paper towels for hand drying.

"We have also increased staff numbers to ensure that soap and drying facilities are constantly available."

According to The Racing Post, there will also be posters around the racecourse which will demonstrate the latest public health advice.

The news comes after the Government announced their action plan to combat the virus on including restrictions of up to 12 weeks on public gatherings such as sporting events could be implemented if the Coronavirus threat worsens.

A public health notice, communicated by the British Horseracing Authority and Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board, says it relates to anyone who has been to certain foreign places in the last fortnight.

"Do not travel to The Festival presented by Magners if you have any of the following symptoms - a cough, a high temperature or shortness of breath and have been to or transited through the high risk countries, or been in contact with anyone that has, in the last 14 days," it said.

"To protect yourself & others please do not travel & call HSE 112 or 999 for expert advice. These measures are in order to safeguard everyone's health & wellbeing during the current public health situation."