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Official Statement – COVID-19 Testing

STRICTLY EMBARGOED UNTIL 4.00PM (BST) ON SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2021

Following a PCR test administered on Friday 25 June at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton, The England and Wales Cricket Board can confirm that ICC Match Referee Phil Whitticase has tested positive for COVID-19. Whitticase, who was officiating during the three-match Vitality IT20 Series between England and Sri Lanka, is well and is asymptomatic.

He will now observe a period of 10-days of self-isolation from 25 June, in accordance with the UK Government's protocol on quarantine.

Seven other members from the match officials and anti-corruption unit teams were deemed close contacts, including five members due to officiate at the first Royal London ODI on Tuesday, 29 June at Emirates Riverside, Durham. Those impacted will have to self-isolate for 10-days until 7 July.

No members of the two teams were impacted.

Alternative arrangements will be put in place to ensure Tuesday's ODI goes ahead as planned.

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