

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

This is a a **generic Risk Assessment and update of the 3/06/20 Assessment** for dealing with the current Covid-19 situation, related to grass roots football as reported by the Football Association on July 18th 2020.

New guidelines have been issued by the FA regarding competitive play. All other controls should stay in place to reduce contact and mitigate the transmission risk of Covid-19

No matches with other teams are permitted until August 1st 2020

From August outdoor matches such as pre season friendlies and small sided festivals are permitted.

From September 1st Leagues are permitted to start with extra guidelines and precautions in place.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	Staff Coaches Players Supporters Parents General Public	<p><u>Hand Sanitising</u> Gel sanitisers should be used by all at the training sessions.</p> <p><u>Cleaning</u> Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as balls, cones, poles</p> <p><u>Social Distancing</u> Social Distancing -Reducing the number of persons in any training area to comply with social distancing rules recommended by the Public Health Agency https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus https://www.gov.uk/government/</p>	<p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</p> <p>Rigorous checks will be carried out by managers/coaches to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed. Anti bacterial wipes provided for cleaning.</p> <p>Sharing of equipment should be kept to a minimum and strong hand hygiene practices should be in place before and after.</p> <p>Everyone at each session to be reminded of the importance of social distancing both taking part and watching. Avoid meeting in groups of six in busy or overcrowded areas if it is so busy that it is</p>			

		<p>publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</p> <p>Taking steps to review training schedules including start & finish times to reduce number of people on site at any one time.</p> <p><u>Competitive Training</u> Allowed from 18th July. Only a maximum 20% of the session should be allocated to a training match</p> <p><u>Wearing of Gloves</u> Anyone wearing goal keeping gloves should use their own, and must not be shared.</p> <p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u> Anyone who becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance. Coaches/managers will maintain regular contact with them during this time.</p> <p>If advised that anyone has developed Covid-19 and were recently at a session the management team will contact the Public Health Authority to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or</p>	<p>not possible to maintain social distancing at all times.</p> <p>Training areas to be coned off to prevent general public etc. coming into area Managers/coaches should liaise together to ensure no more than two different groups are on site training at the same time.</p> <p>Hand sanitising should take place both before and after the competitive training drill.</p> <p>To assist with Track and Trace, all coaches must have a rosta of everyone attending sessions to enable investigation in the event of a member contracting Covid 19.</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display.</p> <p>To minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 during training sessions, any person who has been unwell or have a family member, having or had symptoms should not attend. At this time the clubhouse will be closed to attendees to avoid the potential of issues around the required social distancing.</p>			
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		<p>precautions that should be taken. https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/</p>	<p>This Risk Assessment has been carried out using the following information provided by the Football Association on July 18th 2020. If and when guidance is changed the risk assessment will be updated accordingly.</p> <p>Minimum and strong hand hygiene practices should be in place before and after. Avoid meeting in groups of six in busy or overcrowded areas if it is so busy that it is not possible to maintain social distancing at all times. Football coaches can now undertake group sessions up to 30 people (including the coach) but are reminded to follow FA safeguarding policy when coaching/working with children. This must include risk assessing the activities, gaining consent from parents/carers and ensuring you are in sight of another adult. For example, a parent/carer or another coach and that the ratio of coach to different age-groups of children is appropriate.</p> <p>It is permissible for coaches to organise a training sessions as long as socially distancing and strict hygiene measures are in place with any equipment between drills and at rest breaks.</p> <p>Football coaches working with people with impairments must ensure they can adequately cater for any additional needs whilst maintaining social distancing. Individuals should follow Government</p>			
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