

Summary Statement

Euxton Villa Football Club has a duty of care to protect the safety and welfare of its players, parents, volunteers, coaches, visitors, officials and contractors at all times and we must ensure the implementation of safe and effective social distancing and hygiene measures in line with government advice to limit the potential for Covid-19 infection. If at any time Euxton Villa Football Club believes such safety and welfare is potentially compromised, Euxton Villa Football Club reserves the right to consider cancellation or amendment of any activity while measures are reviewed. All activities will be carried out in line with current government Covid-19 guidelines and are continually reviewed by the Euxton Villa Football Club Covid - 19 Officer and also the Euxton Villa Football Club Committee. This risk assessment must be read in conjunction with all other activity and site-specific risk assessments. It also acknowledges issues that may arise when training/playing at venues other than that of the Jim Fowler Memorial Ground.

This report should be followed in parallel to the guidance delivered by the FA. All stakeholders will need to be aware of this guidance also <http://www.thefa.com/about-football-association/covid-19>

Project	Euxton Villa Football Club Covid-19 Return To Football Risk Assessment
Date	July 2020

Risk/Hazard	Level Of Risk	Who Might Be Harmed And How?	Current Precautions/Measures	Potential Further Action
Players/Parents/Coaches/ Volunteers/Visitors on site.	Medium	Players/Parents/Coaches/ Volunteers/Visitors (Cross Contamination)	<p>One single entry gate will be used, and one member of staff only will operate this gate on match days. Visitors/public will not touch any gates or handles. Gate handles/lock to be sanitised before and after each event by whoever opens/shuts them.</p> <p>Parent/players to use drop off and collect system with social distance markings in the car park.</p> <p>Coach or volunteer to keep data of who has trained. Coach will need to provide list of players and contact details and this will be placed in the post box on the EVFC clubhouse after every session and match. (Track & Trace) Details will be held in</p>	<p>Signage to remind the occupier who opens/closes the front gate to sanitise their hands.</p> <p>Communicate new procedures/arrangements to parents prior to reopening in writing by email.</p> <p>If there is a match situation, then this procedure must also be notified to the away team in writing at least 24 hours before kickoff.</p>

		<p>compliance with GDPR guidelines.</p> <p>Coach must ensure hand sanitising on arrival - each team needs a Sanitation Station and to check if any players have had any of the key Covid-19 symptoms as stipulated by NHS. Coaches to make themselves familiar with the key symptoms: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</p> <p>Spectator area closed and no parents allowed inside whilst training taking place.</p> <p>During match days spectators are allowed as long as they stick to government guidelines - Bottom and Top Pitch = 200 MAX. EVFC are to place X markings highlighting where spectators can stand around the bottom pitch, middle pitch, top pitch, including all small sided pitches. The respect barrier on all the small sided pitches is also to be moved back another 2m. Appropriate signage on every pitch is to be deployed.</p> <p>Training sessions staggered to avoid cross over. There should be a timetable</p>	<p>Coach must visibly see that players have hand sanitised before they train or play. If the player ignores then they cannot take part. Coach needs to obtain hand sanitizer and if this is not available they need to obtain before they can play/train.</p> <p>Communicate new procedures/arrangements to parents prior to reopening in writing by email. Should there be any issues then these need to be highlighted to the committee.</p> <p>Should too many spectators turn up to watch a game then Euxton Villa Football Club can refuse entry and they can also request that the games are completed behind closed doors.</p> <p>Provide parents/players with details of new training times</p>
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Clubhouse/Toilets/Communal Area	High	<p>Players/Parents/Coaches/Volunteers/Visitors</p> <p>(Cross Contamination)</p>	<p>Changing rooms should only be used if all other avenues have been explored. If changing rooms are required, then the team should be split into two. Home Team should use the two front changing rooms (pitch facing) Away Team should use the two back changing rooms (car park facing)</p> <p>Indoor communal areas will remain closed and out-of-bounds to all visitors. This includes the bar and seating area. This is to avoid congregation. This will be signposted and should be made common knowledge to all visitors prior to arrival. Internal doors from the changing rooms into the clubhouse should be locked.</p>	<p>Changing rooms can be made "out of bounds" if the EVFC committee believe that it is too much of a risk and that players/coaches/volunteers are not safe in the environment.</p> <p>If EVFC decide to open the communal areas then there will be a requirement to monitor how many people have gained access to the communal area. Due to the space, there should only be two visitors allowed in the communal area at one time. As the EVFC clubhouse could be constituted as a takeaway I would also strongly advise all parties to wear a mask when inside the clubhouse.</p>

			<p>Toilets will be accessible. Entry through the front patio doors - exit at the back doors (car park side) This will also be clearly signposted with Entry, No Entry and arrowed floor markings. Regular cleaning of all handles and shared surfaces and also should be cleaned before closure. Should only be open on match day. Toilets should be "one - in - one - out" The clubhouse seating area will be roped off and this will produce a thoroughfare to gain access to the toilets.</p> <p>Cleaning Products - cleaning products and hand sanitizer should be available upon entry to the clubhouse - pitch side. Should it be a pleasant day then this sanitation station should be located outside the clubhouse. A sign should encourage to use hand sanitizer before and after they have been into the clubhouse.</p> <p>Changing rooms should be cleaned by the parties who have been present in them. Supply away team with equipment to clean the changing room and supply the same to the home team. This will be relayed to away teams on arrival that this is the procedure. This is to stop any risk of cross contamination. Showers should be "out of bounds"</p> <p>No hospitality after the game.</p>	<p>Patio door to the clubhouse is to be left open throughout the duration to minimise the risk of cross contamination on the door handles.</p> <p>May need a cleaner to deep clean the toilet area after every match day.</p> <p>Sanitation monitor required should people not follow guidance. This will be a last resort should parties not follow the signage.</p> <p>Should the away team refuse to clean the changing room and/or do not clean it then PPE including mask, visor, gloves should be used to clean the changing room and these should be used once and then destroyed. Ample supply of PPE is required.</p> <p>Should this need to be</p>
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<p>Droplets or virus being live on equipment and surfaces (high touch area)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Players/Parents/Coaches/Volunteers/Visitors (Cross Contamination)</p>	<p>All equipment used will be cleaned between sessions and at end of day and marked on cleaning sheet. Hand sanitizer or hand washing is available for each member of the group when this equipment is used and that this is monitored by a coach or volunteer. Signage to promote this.</p> <p>Door handles cleaned between sessions/matches and at end of day.</p> <p>Doors kept open where possible to</p>	<p>Produce a daily cleaning checklist for equipment.</p> <p>Produce a daily cleaning checklist for the clubhouse and changing rooms</p>

			<p>avoid cross contamination and aid ventilation.</p> <p>Toilets areas cleaned between sessions (toilets, handles, sinks, taps, paper towel holders and door handles) and cleaning sheet in both toilets completed.</p>	<p>Produce a daily cleaning checklist for both toilet areas, to be completed once cleaning has been undertaken between each session and at end of day. May require a daily professional cleaner if this is not completed to a good level.</p>
First Aid/Emergency Aid	High	<p>Players/Parents/Coaches/Volunteers/Visitors - Training Injury/Accident</p> <p>(Cross Contamination)</p>	<p>First Aid Kit – regularly checked and replenished when necessary.</p> <p>First Aiders (Coaches & volunteers) aware of Covid-19 symptoms.</p> <p>Full PPE available if required.</p> <p>Designated First Aid area. Suggestion, at the side of the clubhouse. Sign needed.</p> <p>Must be a Qualified First Aider on site for that team. If not, they cannot train/play until this has been completed.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer available for use before and after administering first aid.</p> <p>Advising first aiders to try and maintain social distancing where treatment allows this and to minimise time spent in breathing zone and where not possible to social distance to</p>	<p>Provide training to all coaches and volunteers prior to re-opening - the club should ensure they have a list of all qualified FA first aiders at the club and highlight any teams that do not have a designated First Aider. Send on course if applicable. Take further guidance from LFA.</p>

			<p>mitigate risk by wearing of face mask or visor.</p> <p>First Aiders to wear gloves when dealing with open wound and not to touch any part of dressing that will come into contact with a wound.</p> <p>If the casualty is capable ask them to do things, i.e. putting on plaster themselves or administering ice pack.</p> <p>First aider to clean area and surface after treatment if applicable. Keep accurate first aid records.</p>	
<p>Identification of potential infection: Cough Fever Shortness of breath Sore throat</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Coach, volunteer, children, and parents (Person concerned may be infected and risk of spreading infection to others)</p>	<p>If it is a coach, volunteer, or parent they will be asked to leave immediately using social distancing and asked to obtain a test immediately.</p> <p>If a child, they will be taken to isolation area and parent contacted immediately to collect them and told to seek a test as soon as possible and inform designated person of results.</p> <p>Full PPE available to any first aider required to assist child.</p> <p>Any equipment used by person suspected to be infected to be cleaned immediately.</p> <p>Anyone who has been in same group or come into contact with person suspected of infection will be asked to wash hands for 20 seconds straight away.</p>	<p>Communicate procedures to parents prior to reopening in writing – by email.</p> <p>Provide training on procedures to coaches and volunteers prior to reopening.</p>

			<p>Parent (or coach or volunteer if it is them) advised to self-isolate for 7 days & arrange to be tested by contacting NHS UK online or calling NHS 119.</p> <p>If negative they can return and end isolation.</p> <p>If positive they could continue isolation and club will be contacted by NHS Test & Trace Session registers retained with attendance marked for each child and coaches and volunteers and with contact details for all in case required by NHS Test and Trace.</p> <p>In the event of a positive case the club will follow guidance on whether rest of class/group should be sent home. If contacted by Public Health England in the event of an outbreak, the club will follow advice as whether it needs to close for 72 hours and then for a deep clean to be undertaken or whether this is not necessary due to the cleaning procedures in place.</p> <p>Parents, coaches and volunteers will be contacted and kept updated of any incidents and the outcome.</p> <p>No participation by any child, coach or volunteer should any family member in the same household be self-isolating.</p>	
Leaving The Ground	Low	Players/Parents/Coaches/ Volunteers/Visitors	Children/players/coaches will wash hands/sanitise before they leave.	Communicate new procedures to parents prior to re-opening.

		(Cross Contamination)	<p>Coach or volunteer will take children to cars where parents will wait outside socially distancing using areas marked.</p> <p>Any child not collected at said time will be moved to isolated area near the bottom of the slope (First Aid Section) so as not to cross contaminate with next session.</p> <p>Match Day - ensure that if there is a "large" crowd that they keep socially distant when returning to their cars.</p> <p>Players and spectators will be asked not to linger at the ground. Players should simply change and leave. Volunteers will then be able to clean the clubhouse in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Provide training on new procedures to coaches and volunteers prior to reopening</p> <p>If this happens more than once then the player will not be able to attend</p>
Returning From A Category 1 Country	High	<p>Players/Parents/Coaches/Volunteers/Visitors</p> <p>(Cross Contamination)</p>	<p>Category 1 Countries – Travellers should go home or to their destination and self-isolate in accordance with government guidance even if they are asymptomatic and use the online corona virus service to find out what to do next.</p> <p>Category 2 Countries – Travellers do not need to undertake special measures but if they develop symptoms, they should self-isolate and call NHS 111</p>	<p>Advise Coaches, volunteers, and parents that anyone returning from a Category 1 country should not be allowed to train or play until self-isolation is completed in accordance with the government's guidance</p>

Signs Needed *URGENTLY*****

Outside Clubhouse - Inside Clubhouse - Outside Toilet - Inside Toilet - Outside Changing Room - Inside Changing Room - Front Gate - Containers - Every Pitch at the Jim Fowler - Marquee (if applicable) - Sanitation Station - Dugouts - First Aid Zone - Spray For Markings - Directional Floor Signs For Inside Clubhouse.

PPE Needed *URGENTLY*****

Masks, visors, gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant, pump spray for goals.

Conclusion:

This aforementioned report accepts that it is not conclusive, but forms the basis of a detailed risk assessment based on best practise in an ever-changing environment regarding Covid -19. Guidance from the FA, GOV.UK and NHS has been taken into account when completing the risk assessment for football activity at Euxton Villa Football Club only. Common sense must still prevail but the club has an obligation to ensure that every person on this premises is safe. Relaxation due to our grassroots status should not be allowed and should be condemned as the facility and the club and the potential number of visitors is that of a club at Step 6, thus in reality we should be amending our practise to fall into line with clubs of that ilk - we must be careful with how many visitors we allow onto the premises. There is no exact science and I acknowledge that there are so many elements and variables out of our control. But, these somewhat draconian and maybe overzealous measures are in place to help reduce the potential risk of contamination within the club to our key stakeholders. We have a duty and an obligation and whilst acknowledging some of the procedures are stringent, they are suggested without hesitation as nothing comes before the safety and wellbeing of everyone connected to Euxton Villa Football Club. This disease is still a risk and we must treat it with the upmost caution. If we don't, we are endangering lives.

Dated: July 2020

