RISK ASSESSMENT

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES



Location:... Ribble Valley 3G

Control of the infection and spread of coronavirus to, and by, staff and public. RVBC staff may be at risk of infection from coronavirus both at work and at home although, some activities at work may carry an increased risk of infection due to the close proximity of working practices, surface contact and potential proximity to the public.

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1.Setting up the playing areas for use by those playing Football	Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus between players, Football Coaches and facility staff	The Facility to be prepared in advance in preparation for participants and include the following measures; Goals to be in position according to the specified set up at the time of booking. Any repositioning of the goals is to be agreed and undertaken by facility staff. Access gates to be opened and handles wiped with sanitizer. Ensure that all handwashing stations; (located by along entrance pathways at the roadside approach-see plan attached), are in good working order and provide soap, water and hand sanitiser. Attendants to coordinate access to other 3G grids to help retrieve balls be hit over the fencing into other areas. All touchpoint surfaces to be wiped down (gates, handles) using disposable gloves. Monitoring measures to be undertaken by facility attendants;-Hourly check process (sanitiser, soap and paper roll at handwashing stations). • Daily stock check (sanitiser, soap and paper roll). • Daily check (promotion posters and signage). • Train all workers on new protocols and the importance of good hygiene. Ensure signage and guidelines for playing Football safely and promoting hygiene measures is clearly displayed and kept up to date as restrictions change. See hand washing guidance.				

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		https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing Toilet facilities will be open and sanitized every 30 mins. It will not be possible to utilize indoor changing facility provision or the new education/meeting pavilion.				
2. 3G Pitch booking Arrangement	Spread of Covid-19 Staff receiving payment through contact with members of the public	The 2 Small sized Grids and 3G pitch are to be booked through the on-line system according to the terms and conditions and times of availability. It will not be possible to pay for hire of the pitches by cash. In line with the most recent guidance provided by the government and Football Association and this currently 23/3/21 permits; Everyone should self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms before every training session or match. If you are symptomatic or living in a household with possible or actual COVID-19 infection you must not participate or attend; All hourly sessions will be 50 minutes in duration to allow for social distancing on entry and exit. Players and officials should sanitise hands before and after a game as well as scheduled breaks throughout a game or training session – please use the stations provided; Please keep left on all walk ways – these will be separated. PLEASE maintain 2 metre social distancing.				

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		 We ask that people do not spectate. If this is not possible, then ONLY one parent/carer as a maximum. 				
		 Competitive training is now permitted, with groups limited to a maximum of 30 people, including coaches; Competitive match play is permitted, with social distancing in place before and after the match, and in any breaks in play; 				
		 Ball handling should be kept to a minimum with most contact via a boot and the ball disinfected in breaks of play; Youth football coaches are encouraged to limit persistent close proximity of a stricing acts diving a part of play and training. 				
		 participants during match play and training; Goal celebrations should be avoided; Equipment should not be shared, and goalkeepers should ensure they disinfect their gloves regularly in breaks in training or matches and thoroughly afterwards. Where possible, coaches should only handle equipment in training; 				

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3.Provision of information to Football players	Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus between players, Football Coaches and facility staff	 Where possible, players, coaches and officials should arrive changed and shower at home. Use of changing and shower facilities must follow government advice on the use of indoor facilities; Participants should follow best practice for travel including minimising use of public transport and walking or cycling if possible. People from a household or support bubble can travel together in a vehicle Clubs/Lead Booker should keep a record of attendees at a match or training session, including contact details, to support NHS Test and Trace 				
4.First Aid and Accident Emergency support	Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus between Facility operating staff and members	Ensure signage and guidelines for playing Football safely and promoting hygiene measures is clearly displayed and kept up to date as restrictions change. See hand washing guidance. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing Ensure signage specific to participation in physical activity is displayed at entrance/ exit points to the facilities. See Sport England campaign site 'Hygiene for Sport and Physical activity';- https://youtu.be/vSj6FBqK2jg Reinforcement by Football coaches of the need to conform to public health advice; To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus				

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5.Operation of Pitch Maintenance Equipment	of the general public Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus between Facility operating staff	One way arrow markings to direct participants to entrance/ exit points. (Separate doors were possible?!) First aiders should update themselves on the guidance that has been produced by their usual first-aid training provider. St John's Ambulance have put together advice for first aiders to help keep yourself and those who use your facility safe. https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/				
6.Contaminati on from rest areas and welfare facilities	The virus can survive on some surfaces for up to 72 hours Persons at risk; All employees Visitors to site	Staff undertaking the sweeping of the 3G pitch surfaces and operating the tractor are required to wear latex protective gloves as provided and to wash hands before/after touching the equipment. Only one operative undertakes the task on each sweeping and usually a weekly or 2x weekly task. The Leaf Blower equipment operator to wear latex gloves as provided and to wash hands before/after touching the equipment.				
7.Staff development of symptoms	Please also first see HM Government and NHS advice on this aspect at	 Observe social distancing and only member of staff to utilize the rest facilities at any one time. Rest areas should be cleaned and disinfected following rest breaks. All surfaces, crockery, cutlery etc. should be thoroughly washed after use by washing up in hot, soapy water. All door handles, contact surfaces, doorbells, lock keypads, shared padlocks, etc. to be cleaned periodically throughout the day. 				

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