

# CCC Covid 19 Safe System of Work for Cricket Matches at Church & Oswaldtwistle Cricket Club, The West End Ground.

## 1. Understanding the hazard

The transmission of COVID-19 is thought to occur mainly through two routes;

1. Respiratory droplets generated by coughing and sneezing. These can be breathed in if in closed contact to a person coughing.
2. Through contact with contaminated surfaces, this is where bodily fluids from an infected person are spread onto a surface, others who touch that surface with their hands then put hands in mouth or eyes may become infected.

In addition to respiratory secretions, COVID-19 has been detected in blood, faeces and urine.

You should be aware that participating in cricket carries an increased risk of catching/transmitting covid

## 2. Prior to the fixture

In preparing to attend a match, we ask that coaches, players, volunteers and spectators take note of the following and do **not attend** the venue if they have:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If anyone has any of these symptoms or lives with other people who are showing symptoms they must not attend the cricket ground.

Following government advice we also recommend that people do not attend the venue if they fall into any one of the below groups:

- Have contracted the virus and still within 10 day isolation period.
- Are living with an individual who has contracted the virus and are within your 10 day isolation period.
- Have underlying health issues which may be impacted by covid 19
- Are 70 years of age or over
- Are pregnant.

- Have a weakened immune system.

The club will also:

- Ensure it has appropriate and up-to-date insurance.
- Continue to comply with GDPR law including not sharing personal details of participants/visitors with others without having a legal basis for doing so (e.g. will not make booking in system 'live' or divulge without due cause to a duly authorised person(s) such personal details as are obtained for track and trace purposes).
- Ensure all equipment is disinfected during and after the match.
- Ensure all toilet areas are adequately cleaned and disinfected at regular intervals and that adequate supplies of hand washing/hand drying materials and antibacterial hand gel and handwipes are available
- Ensure sufficient supplies of hand gel, disposable masks, gloves and covid compliant first aid kits are available

### **ECB Guidelines**

- You, where possible, turn up ready to play as changing rooms access will be limited as set out below under 'Changing Rooms'
- You do not share equipment.
- You do not apply sweat or saliva to the ball
- You bring any food and drink you wish to consume during the game as no teas are provided.
- You always remain socially distanced, including during the game
- You comply with track and trace protocols
- You have your own supply of hand sanitiser

**Parking** – Car parking is available at the ground

**Club Entrance** – Entrance to the ground is via the main gates. Due to the size of the entrance, social distancing can be maintained throughout.

**Club Exit** – Exit from the grounds is via main gate (as above)

### **3. During the match**

**Changing Rooms** – As from 17<sup>th</sup> May, changing rooms can be used for limited purposes. The use of the changing rooms is subject to a risk assessment which has identified that each changing room, home and away, has a maximum capacity of four at any point in time. Hand gel is available at the entrance to each changing room and hands should be sanitised on entry and exit from the changing rooms. At all times

whilst inside the changing rooms social distancing guidelines must be adhered to and facemasks must be worn. The changing rooms must not be used during inclement weather or to view the match and they remain out of general use save for using the toilets, changing, administering first aid or for safeguarding purposes.

**Players** – at all times must remain socially distanced in accordance with Government guidance. Areas have been demarked for players, both home & away, in front of and to the side of the pavilion.

**Kit** – Whilst the game is progressing players can leave their kit in the changing room subject to the guidelines in the 'Changing Rooms' section above. Players are reminded, however, to keep all valuables safely locked away when unattended.

**Teas** – There will be no player/umpire/scorer teas provided on match days. Food/non-alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the tearoom stable door. Face masks must be worn whilst moving around the ground and queuing/purchasing from the tearoom. Customers must adhere to the socially distanced queuing system which will be in operation. All food and drink purchased from the tearoom **MUST** be consumed whilst seated. To maintain covid secure access to the toilets there will be no access to the indoor tearoom seating area.

**Spectators** – Spectators are now permitted but must observe social distancing and legal gathering size limits ie groups of up to 30 outdoors, no interaction among different groups. Spectators must remain seated during the match and must wear face masks whilst moving around the ground to access the toilets or purchase from the tearoom. Spectators should not touch the ball at any time. They can park on the carpark at the ground to maintain social distancing. They are reminded to bring their own supplies of sanitiser.

**Inclement Weather** – In the event of delays due to rain players and spectators should return to their cars or remain outside in a socially distanced manner

**Conduct of Players** – All players must respect the above points and comply with our test and trace procedure. If they do not comply with our guidance, then they may be asked to leave the club on the day and face subsequent disciplinary action.

The groundsman should mark running lines on the square in line with the popping crease at 2m+ intervals on either side of the pitch.

Players should adhere to Government & ECB guidance at all times (including throughout warm-ups) except in the following limited circumstances during competitive play in England only, where 1m+ is permitted:

- 1) wicket keepers standing up to the stumps and 2) distance between slip fielders.
  - No sweat or saliva to be applied to the ball at any time.
  - A 'hygiene break' should take place every six overs or every 20 minutes, whichever is sooner, in which the ball is cleaned with an antimicrobial wipe and all participants' hands are cleaned using a suitable sanitiser. This routine should also be followed at the start of any drinks break or the close

of an innings. The responsibility for sanitising the ball during the match will lie with the fielding captain, not the umpire.

- Batters to sanitise their bat when leaving the field of play and Wicket Keepers should sanitise their gloves.
- Bowlers should not hand any personal items to the umpire. Bowlers should place these items at the boundary themselves.
- Batters are to run in distinct running lines to ensure they are not within 2m of the bowler or other batter. Lines to be marked on the square on either side of the wicket.
- If two scorers are required, social distancing must be maintained with only one official inside the scorers' box and no players to be allowed in the scorers' box. The scorers' box should be well ventilated. In the current circumstances scorers will be provided with an outdoor socially distanced scoring area
- Scorebooks should not be passed from one player to another.
- Social distancing must always be maintained including during post-wicket celebrations, drinks breaks and tactical discussions.
- Minimise sharing of the ball in a match by limiting contact as the ball makes its way back to the bowler e.g. ball goes straight from wicketkeeper to bowler instead of around surrounding fielders.
- Spectators should remain socially distanced at all times and refrain from all contact with the ball. For example: they should not return the ball to the field of play. Spectator groups must be restricted to gathering limits and socially distanced, in line with wider UK Government guidance.
- Umpires should refrain from any contact with the ball, it can be returned to the base of the stumps at breaks and wickets.
- Umpires should be responsible for the stumps closest to them and should be the only person replacing the bails if dislodged.

#### **4. After the match**

Social interaction after playing cricket can take place outdoors in groups of up to 30, subject to social distancing guidance and there being no interaction between groups

**Clubs are required to display an official NHS QR code poster so that participants/visitors can check in using this option as an alternative to providing their contact details. This is to support NHS Test and Trace by keeping a temporary record of all participants in any cricket activity for 21 days and support NHS requests for data if needed. Participants/visitors MUST either use the QR code to check in or physically sign in with contact details. Any person refusing to comply with this requirement will be refused access to the ground**

## 5. How to achieve this

The Committee will:

- Review the plan after day one and week one and revise if necessary – the facility operation must be fit for purpose and safe for those operating, maintaining and using the site.
- Act on any incidence of infection prior to or after use of the facility and conduct appropriate contact tracing in line with Government methods.
- Close the facility in the event of:
  - 1) An incidence of COVID-19 infection of a user.
  - 2) A change in Government guidance/regulation.
- Constantly review Government guidance.