



COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Name: Stowmarket Town FC		Location Stowmarket Town Football Club, Greens Meadow, Bury Road, IP14 1JQ	
Activity: Preventing the spread of COVID-19 Football at training sessions & Competitive matches		Age Group Adult	
People at Risk: Senior & Youth Teams/ Staff/volunteers & spectators		Risk assessment Number 001 V4	
Date: 21/8/20	Review Date: 2/1/21	Created by Stowmarket Town Football club COVID Compliance officer Approved by Stowmarket CIC Board of Directors	

This risk assessment has been produced by the Club COVID Officer and steering group to allow commencement of competitive Football for all ages at Stowmarket Football Club Greens Meadow and Youth playing fields. Following the current guidance issued by Public Health England & the Football Association, this is to safeguard and protect all those that attend as either a player, family member, supporter, staff member or volunteer in the spread & transmission of COVID-19.

Failure to follow & adhere to the guidance set out below could result in disciplinary action, suspension and where applicable registration termination.



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Transmission of COVID -19	Symptomatic players attending training and spreading virus	H	<p>If a player, volunteer, spectator, member of staff displays Covid-19 symptoms or is awaiting a test result or has been told to self-isolate by NHS test and trace, they must self-isolate according to Government guidance. They should not attend any football related events until their period of isolation has been completed. Symptoms of COVID -19, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature above 37.8c New and Persistence cough Loss of sense of taste and smell <p>Been in contact with someone who has been confirm as having COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 until a negative test result has been confirmed or in accordance with the latest Public Health England Advice.</p> <p>Home temperature checks to be encouraged,</p>	L	<p>Should someone be taken unwell during the session isolation is to take place, If well enough the individual will need to go home, Contact NHS 111 for advice or life-threatening dial 999 and inform that believed to be suspected COVID-19</p> <p>Random temperature checks to be carried out by COVID officer or club representative on arrival on match days & training sessions</p> <p>Gloves & Masks to be worn to protect the</p>



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			<p>Entrance to Greens Meadow for coaching staff players and officials will be via the main entrance separate to match day fans and controlled by a club Steward.</p> <p>Face masks are mandatory for anyone attending, while moving around both inside the club house and pitch side.</p>		<p>Random temperature checker and Hand sanitizer used on entry</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Failure to identify individuals within the match day or training venues as per NHS & Government Guidelines	Confirmed COVID case with no traceability	H	<p>NHS Track & Trace App to be used at each home venue and to be identified as such, This will be a smart phone activated application, For those that do not have access to smart phones then a paper copy will be taken and will be held with the club as per GDPR rules. This will be the responsibility of the manager or Director of adult football or their representative to ensure that this is collected and held or delivered to the club</p> <p>This is a legal requirement, Failure to comply with this rule will result in either Player not being permitted to the venue, or Supporters being refused entry.</p>	L	<p>GDPR rules to be followed data will be held with the software provider and disposed of after 21 days</p> <p>No personal details to be held anywhere other than at the club with the safe or with the software provider.</p>



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Players in close contact with each other during training sessions or during matches	Players not keeping their 2m social distance. Potential risk of COVID Transmission	H	<p>The use of changing rooms will be allowed for pre-match and half-time team talks but this will be limited to the starting 11</p> <p>Face masks to worn at all times while in the changing rooms</p> <p>Showers will be for max 2 persons at a time with a 2 min time limit to be monitored</p> <p>Changing rooms will be a maximum capacity of 2 changing at any one time. Players to be held outside until given permission by team management to go inside.</p> <p>If physio bed is in use for treatment the room is to be cleared and the physio is to wear appropriate PPE, mask, visor,</p> <p>All contact surfaces within the showers toilets and changing rooms must be cleaned and sanitized after every use</p>	M	<p>A member of coaching staff/Club official to monitor players arrival & training groups to ensure social distancing is followed</p> <p>Managers, club officials & COVID officer to monitor and review after each game</p> <p>Infringement of these rules to be dealt with by the COVID Officer and board of directors.</p>



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<p>Players in close contact with each other during training sessions or during matches (cont-)</p>			<p>Toilets & Hand washing facilities will be open and available throughout the time the club is open</p> <p>Entrance to Greens Meadow will be via the main entrance separate to match day fans and controlled by a club Steward</p> <p>Officials arrive ready for Matches already dressed in kit</p> <p>Players reminded the need for minimal contact with either fellow team mates or opposing team before, during and after matches</p> <p>Football kits to be washed by the individual wearing the kit, no collective washing to take place (First team & Reserves to use medical grade dissolvable bags for kit washing)</p>		



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<p>Players in close contact with each other during training sessions or during matches (cont-)</p>			<p>Players to remain in their training / social bubble, only access the training / pitch area when instructed by their team coach,</p> <p>No more than 30 players including coaching staff allowed as per government guidance, this will be reviewed as per FA guidelines.</p> <p>Handshakes before and after the game are suspended until further notice & application of hand sanitizer before entering & after leaving the pitch</p> <p>Player's entrance onto the field of play to be staggered, teams will not formally line up and walk out together.</p> <p>Set pieces should be taken as quickly as possible to prevent increased levels of reduced social distancing or contact</p> <p>Goal Celebrations should avoid contact with fellow players or spectators</p>		



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			<p>All interaction with players & match officials during a match to be held observing social distance guidelines</p> <p>Players & coaching Staff in the dugout area or on the side lines must socially distance & wear facemasks to mitigate the risk of transmission</p> <p>No spitting or mouth rinsing to take place as this is identified as a high-risk transfer route,</p>		
Spread of COVID 19	Poor Hygiene and cleaning standard	H	<p>Contract cleaning company employed to carry out thorough deep cleaning and sanitization (Greens Meadow) before arrival of players & staff, and before the next use of the facilities.</p> <p>Regular cleaning and sanitizing of surfaces, rails, handles, & high contact areas during open hours</p>	L	This activity will audited and reviewed to the frequency of the cleaning to ensure suitable for the foot traffic present.



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Spread of COVID 19 (cont-)			<p>The club has now moved to a non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer with residual protection And hard surface spray with up to 28-day protection. (Enduro Residual) COSHH sheets available online and within the clubhouse</p> <p>As a club we have decided that we will sanitizer high contact areas every 14 days at a maximum time window,</p> <p>Once a week will be more than sufficient,</p>		
<p>Congregating & Walking through car park. Increasing possibility of transmission due to team cross over</p>	<p>Players are at risk of being hit by cars. Players walking together, not keeping their 2m distance.</p>	M	<p>Players are aware of incoming vehicles when entering the club car park. Players being informed of club procedures prior to arriving.</p> <p>Speed limits in place and clear signage as you enter the car parking area is displayed.</p>	L	<p>Players keeping there 2m distance, Signs will be used on site for social distancing. Players to not arrive together.</p>



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Equipment checks Potential transmission route	Not being cleaned before during and after matches & training sessions	M	<p>All equipment to be cleaned and sanitized prior to each training session and game. Each player will have their own bib and drinks bottle clearly marked.</p> <p>Cleaning & Sanitizing products to be provided by club on site, (Enduro Residual) to be used by members of staff and players, Hand sanitisers to be used before during and after training & matches</p> <p>All equipment will be gathered up immediately after training or Match and cleaned and sanitized thoroughly using certified cleaning products.</p> <p>Teams to identify a cleaning officer (this can be a parent or /volunteer) per game, who's duty it will be to ensure throughout a competitive match that ball's and goals (where required) are sanitized during breaks in play</p>	L	<p><i>A member of staff to be in control of monitoring players washing hands prior/end of session Adhering to 2M social distancing guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>Masks and gloves to be worn during the cleaning process, approved sanitizing products to be recognised in the protection against Coronavirus</i></p>



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<p><i>Injury or Illness & First aid provision</i></p> <p><i>Injury or Illness & First aid provision</i></p>	<p><i>Breaking of the 2m social distancing rule</i></p>	H	<p>First aid kits & first aider to be made aware of additional precautions of N95 FFP2 face masks & face shields to be donned and worn before any treatment to be made, New guidance of CPR protocol to be reiterated with the First Aider. personal safety is paramount</p> <p>(Youth) If family member present then immediate care can be provided by this person until the arrival of the first aider or if suitably trained then treatment can be provided by the family member</p> <p>Match day at Greens Meadow First aid provision is undertaken by external providers, following latest guidance and public health advice</p> <p>Please refer to the FA guidance on Medical provision</p>	M	<p><i>All Staff & Players to be briefed on the new procedures and First Aiders to be aware of the new PPE required and that it is available before the start of a training session.</i></p>



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Drinks bottles	Players using and sharing bottles	L	<p>Players to bring own bottles to training, players to be reminded there is no sharing.</p> <p>Bottles will be clearly marked with players initials or names.</p>	L	<p><i>Players to be reminded prior to session, designated spots organised by staff for players to keep their own personal bottles/equipment</i></p>
Travelling	Players cross contaminating car sharing.	M	<p>Cohort Working is how this can be described players stick to travelling in the same groups. Or the player simply travels alone. Please take the time to read Working safely during the coronavirus outbreak – a short guide_</p> <p>https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/assets/docs/working-safely-guide.pdf</p> <p>Page 5 mentions cohort working.</p> <p>Players to use masks if they travel more than a duration of 15 minutes together. Windows should be frequently opened. At regular stops should be made for fresh air.</p>	L	<p>Players to be reminded each session.</p>



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Players & Supporters socializing after the game	Increased risk of transmission	H	<p>Players and family members encouraged to leave the ground as soon as reasonably practicable,</p> <p>Groups of more than 6 are illegal, supporters are responsible to ensure they abide by the law.</p> <p>Please refer to the Stowmarket CIC COVID Risk assessment for use of the club house before, during and after matches & training sessions</p>	L	Numbers within the club house or at youth training ground to be monitored by club officials, coaching & team managers, COVID Officer & Steering to carryout regular reviews and report finding.



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The provision of Hot & cold food on match days	Increased risk of transmission due to close proximity to one another or poor hygiene practices	M	<p>The suspension of match day food for Officials & Players under current guidelines,</p> <p>Spectator food to continue, queuing for food & drink to observe 2m distancing, & contactless payment encouraged.</p> <p>Please refer to Stowmarket CIC Club Risk assessment for further details on catering providers COVID precautions</p> <p>Supporters encouraged to practice regular hand washing and where this is not practical to use alcohol hand sanitizers</p>	L	