



Primrose Hill
CRICKET CLUB

SARS CoV 2 Virus

Return to Cricket Risk Assessment and Action Plan – April 2021

Until further notice Primrose Hill Cricket Club ('PHCC') will be enforcing the following guidelines to minimise the risk of infection from the SARS CoV 2 virus. These guidelines are specific to PHCC and prepared under the guidance of the **ECB's Recreational Cricket COVID Guidance in England (26/03/2021)**, available [here](#) and the **Government roadmap for Step 2 (12.04.2021)**, available [here](#).

The main risks during PHCC matches or other cricket activity comes from players/Match Managers/coaches coming into contact with each other and sharing equipment (including the ball) and personal belongings. To minimise this risk, we are putting the following steps in place.

For all activity, the relevant UK Government social distancing guidance should be adhered to at all times.

Tracking and Tracing:

PHCC has a database containing full records for every member (and coach). This includes:

- email addresses and phone numbers for the parent/ guardian of every playing member of the club.
- age, school and other relevant data (including allergies and relevant health issues) for every player at the club.
- the full team sheet for every match played including a register of those players attending matches or cricket camps.

All parents and officials can be quickly contacted if required.

All participants (players, coaches and Match Managers) are to report any infection of their household to the NHS Test and Trace system following use of the facility to limit the spread of the virus.

1. Training Sessions/ Nets/ Camps

Players, volunteers, spectators, parents, coaches and officials must comply with the **ECB's COVID-19 Plan for Organised Outdoor Cricket Activity in England from 12th April 2021** [here](#).

Before attending, all participants must self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss of smell or taste). If they have any of these, they should not attend any cricket activity and should follow NHS guidance on self-isolation. Personal hygiene. Measures should be carried out at home and participants should bring and apply their own hand sanitiser to/at the grounds.

Car sharing is not permitted with someone from outside a participant's household or support bubble. Participants should bring their own food.

Changing rooms should not be used except by people with disabilities, but toilet facilities are accessible.

Players

- Players should prepare their personal equipment while social-distancing.
- Sharing of equipment must be avoided, especially around the head and face (eg: helmets) so players should make provisions to bring their own equipment, including a ball. Where sharing takes place, equipment must be cleaned before use by another person.
- Before leaving home and upon reaching the venue, players should wash and/or sanitise their hands.
- No sweat or saliva is to be applied to a ball at any time. In case of infringement, the ball must be immediately disinfected.
- Hand sanitiser should be used at all breaks in activity and every 6 overs during match play.
- If players wish to wear a mask or gloves, they may do so, as long as the gloves are not webbed, ie. baseball or wicket-keeping gloves.
- Players should maintain social distance – as should coaches.
- There should be no physical contact between players or coaches at any time.
- After activity, participants must exit while maintaining social distancing and limit the time at the ground. Any shared equipment must be disinfected for the next session of use.

Coaches

- Coaches must ensure they make themselves familiar with the ECB guidelines ([here](#)).
- Coaches should maintain social distance from players and other coaches.
- If there are any changes to the attendees of a training session, coaches should note this in the register.
- Coaches should set up any stumps or equipment and sanitise their hands afterwards.
- Coaches should greet players, ensure social distancing and remind players they must follow the guidelines outlined in this document.
- Coaches must undertake the risk assessment in the template attached below under sections:
 - Facilities capacity
 - Organised activities
 - People management and communication
 - Hygiene and cleaning
 - First Aid

2. Matches

Players, volunteers, spectators, parents, coaches and officials must comply with the **ECB's COVID-19 Plan for Organised Cricket Matches in England from 12th April 2021** [here](#).

Before any Game: all participants must self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss of smell or taste). If they have any of these, they should not attend any cricket activity and should follow NHS guidance on self-isolation. Personal hygiene. Measures should be carried out at home and participants should bring and apply their own hand sanitiser to/at the grounds.

Players

- Players should arrive in kit and ready to warm up.
- Sharing of equipment must be avoided, especially around the head and face (eg: helmets) so players should make provisions to bring their own equipment, including a ball. Where sharing takes place, equipment must be cleaned before use by another person.
- Before leaving home and upon reaching the venue, players should wash and/or sanitise their hands.
- If players wish to wear a mask or gloves, they may do so, as long as the gloves are not webbed, ie. baseball or wicket-keeping gloves.
- Players should maintain social distance and teams should remain apart.
- There should be no physical contact between players or Match Managers at any time.

Match Managers

- Match Managers must ensure they make themselves familiar with the ECB guidelines ([here](#)).
- If there are any changes to the match-day team, Match Managers should inform the umpire at the toss, but not touch the scoring device.
- Match Managers should set up the stumps and boundary markers and sanitise their hands afterwards.
- Match Managers should greet teams, ensure social distancing and remind players they must follow the guidelines outlined in this document.
- Before the game, the Match Manager should ask the opponent Match Manager if there are any changes to the team selected on the website, prior to the match.
- Match Managers should not allow players or spectators to touch the scorebook/ device they will score on.
- Where possible, Match Managers should place markers 2m from edge of the pitch at the popping crease to indicate a safe distance for batsmen to run that will ensure a social-distance from the other batsman and the bowler.

During the Game:

Players

- Should not share water bottles or any form of juice/cold drinks.
- Should bring their own sanitizer in their kit bag for cricket.
- Should not apply any saliva or sweat on the ball.
- Should not hand their cap or any clothing to the umpire. This can be placed on a run up mark if a bowler or outside the boundary if a fielder – no run penalty if the ball is obstructed by this clothing.
- Should celebrate with elbow bumping, keeping their physical distance at all times.
- No sharing of any cricket equipment, shirts, caps.
- When running between the wickets, batsmen should run to the side of the wicket at a distance that ensures social-distancing from other batsmen and the bowler.
- Should leave the venue as quickly as possible after the game.

Match Managers

- Should remain a social distance from players at all times.
- Should not touch any of the player's equipment throughout the game and instruct players to leave hats or clothing on the boundary edge, or at the end of their bowling run-up, if they wish to remove it while bowling.

- Must ensure they replace bails and fix stumps, to minimise the surfaces touched by players.
- Must sanitise the ball every 6 overs, using sanitary wipes.
- Should remind players not to have contact with each other or engage in team huddles.
- Should encourage Batsman waiting to bat to sit at least 2 metres apart.

Spectators and Parents

People can meet outdoors in groups of up to 6 people, or as a group of 2 households. When using indoor facilities such as toilets, should not mix with others they do not live with (or share a relevant bubble with) indoors, unless an exemption applies.

After the Game

Match Managers

- Should remind players to elbow bump with the opposition.
- Should collect any equipment which should not be handled by anyone else.
- Should sanitise their hands before leaving the venue
- Should collect any match equipment that is not personal to a player
- Should remind Players to sanitise their hands as soon as possible
- Should discourage players from loitering,
- Should wash hands again as soon as arriving at home

All players, parents and other spectators should be reminded that if they feel unwell or have any symptoms following any match, they should report it the Match Manager and follow the NHS Guidelines for COVID-19.

Any Match Manager feeling unwell or showing symptoms following any match, should report it to a fellow Match Manager or the Club.

Thank you to all our members, parents and coaches for abiding with the guidelines from the ECB.

Risk assessment

What are the hazards?	Transmission of COVID-19	
Who might be harmed?	Facility users, staff, volunteers, visitors and the wider community	
No	Controls required	Action Taken by the Club
Facility Capacities		
	Have you determined the safe capacity of your field of play and grounds for both organised cricket activity and off-field activities (subject to the Rule of 6 or as a group made up of two households), accounting for social distancing, legal gathering size limits and supervision ratios where applicable?	
	Have you determined the safe capacity of your net practice facilities accounting for social distancing and legal gathering size limits?	
Organised activities		
	Have you review playing guidance and make suitable adaptation to your approach to practice and matches?	
	Have you reviewed supervision ratios and adapt group sizes for supervised children's activities accordingly? Have you ensured safeguarding procedures are being followed, even under COVID restrictions?	
	Have you assessed control measures for preventing spectators (with limited exceptions – see guidance)?	
People Management and Communication		
	Establish what restrictions are in place for your venue location including restrictions on gathering size limits in line with the UK Government Roadmap and ensure your control measures are appropriate.	
	Self-screening of individuals before they arrive at the venue to ensure individuals displaying COVID symptoms or those who should be shielding do not travel or attend.	
	Ensure that NHS Test and Trace data collection system is in place and that it is compliant with Information Commissioner's Office guidance.	
	Ensure that your NHS QR Code poster has been produced and displayed for use by visitors	
	Have you updated your NHS Test and Trace contact detail collection and record keeping process to include casual spectators that might come into contact with players etc?	
	An assessment of user numbers, space capacities, venue circulation and layout planning to maintain social distancing.	
	A plan for where parents and players will sit whilst watching cricket activities.	
	Signage and communication so that all participants and visitors are aware of the control measures in place and how to act appropriately to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19.	
	Have you provided clear signage at unmanned entrances restricting access to those not directly involved in the activity? i.e. No spectators allowed at Step 2.	
	Staff and volunteer training to support the implementation of the plan, with suitable training records.	
Buildings		
	Assess ventilation in your building (natural and mechanical) and take appropriate measures to maximise ventilation and minimise risk of transmission.	

	Assess the maximum occupancy of your rooms in order to ensure Social Distancing can be maintained, and establish a suitable circulation system / one-way system. Use signage and floor markings to communicate this.	
	Assess the arrangement of seating areas to maintain social distancing and minimise the risk of transmission.	
	Consider your wet weather plans and describe what actions you will take to maintain social distancing in wet weather.	
Social and Hospitality Areas		
	Have you ensured your indoor social and hospitality areas will remain closed?	
	Have you read and understood the requirements of the government guidance for restaurants and bars available here?	
	Have you put in place a food and beverage service plan that conforms to the requirements of the government guidance for restaurants and bars available here?	
	Have you assessed the safe capacities for table service of food and beverages outdoors (Rules of 6 / 2 Households)?	
	Have you a plan in place to serve take-away food and alcohol that takes into account social distancing?	
	Have you reviewed your food and beverage service plan to ensure that it is compliant with your premises licence or club premises certificate for the serving of alcohol?	
	Have you updated your cleaning plan to include food and beverage preparation, service and consumption areas?	
	Have you updated your staff/volunteer training plan to include the requirements of your food and beverage service plan?	
	Have you updated your signage and communications plan to include the requirements of your food and beverage service plan?	
	Have you updated your assessment of PPE requirements and provision to include the requirements of your food and beverage service plan?	
	Have you reviewed and updated your COVID risk assessment to include your food and beverage service plan and the above?	
	Have you communicated your updated COVID risk assessment and plans?	
Hygiene and Cleaning		
	Develop an appropriate cleaning plan	
	Materials, PPE and training that you have provided to your staff for effective cleaning.	
	Provision of hand washing facilities with warm water, soap, disposable towels and bin.	
	Provision of suitable hand sanitiser in locations around the facility to maintain frequent hand sanitisation.	
	Provision of suitable wipes and hand sanitiser on the field for Hygiene Breaks.	
	Have you assessed safe capacity level for outdoor hospitality areas?	
	Have you risk assessed the table and takeaway service of food and beverage?	
	Have you risk assessed the PPE requirements for food and beverage table and takeaway service?	
	Have you included the cleaning of seating areas in your cleaning plan?	
	What are the hazards?	Other venue hazards to be considered after temporary closure such as Legionnaire's Disease, fire, electrical safety etc.
	Who might be harmed?	Facility users, staff, volunteers and visitors
	Controls required	Action Taken by the Club
Preparing Your Buildings		

	Consider the risk of Legionnaire's disease and carry out necessary work to make your water supply safe for users. Refer to the specific guidance in the document above.	
	Check that routine maintenance has not been missed and certification is up to date (e.g. Gas safety, Electrical Safety and Portable Appliance Testing, Fire Safety, Lifts and Heating – Ventilation and Air Conditioning).	
	Check that your ground is ready and safe to play. Look at what work is required and how this can be done safely at a social distance.	
What are the hazards?	Vital first aid equipment is not available when needed. First aiders do not have adequate PPE to carry out first aid when required.	
Who might be harmed?	First aiders, facility users, staff, volunteers and visitors	
Controls required		Action Taken by the Club
First Aid		
	Check that your first aid kits are stocked and accessible during all activity.	
	What steps have you taken to improve your first aiders' understanding of first aid provision under COVID?	
	If you have an AED then check that it is in working order, service is up to date and that it is available during all activity.	
What are the hazards?	Pitches or outfield are unsafe to play on	
Who might be harmed?	Players, officials, ground staff	
Controls required		Action Taken by the Club
Preparing your grounds		
	Safety checks on machinery, sightscreens and covers.	
	Check and repair of any damage to pitches and outfields.	
	Check and repair of any damage to practice facilities including nets	
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