

Covid-19 Risk Assessment for Lymm Piranhas Vets

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Risk #	What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What action is required to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?
1	Transmission of Covid-19 through sharing equipment and touching outdoor surfaces	Players, coaches, spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants will be asked to read the current FA guidelines thoroughly before attending any football activity. • The club will provide hand sanitiser at sessions, to be used in line with FA guidance. • The club will provide sanitiser spray, for sanitising footballs before, and periodically during sessions. • Club officers will have read the FA guidelines and ensure equipment is not shared unnecessarily and that any shared equipment (balls, goalposts, cones etc.) is sanitised before and after all football activity, as well as during activity if required, in line with FA guidance. • Participants will be asked to store personal items, kit and drinks separately from each other. • Each player will be given their own training bib, that is their responsibility to take home and wash between sessions. • For outdoor facilities, access gates, door handles, locks and other surfaces that may be touched by anyone are sanitised before and after use. • Balls should be periodically sanitised during any sessions. • Goalkeepers should be encouraged to sanitise their gloves prior to football activity and reminded that spitting on gloves to increase grip is not acceptable. • The club will not provide shared goalkeeper gloves. 	All participants	Prior to each event
2	Transmission of Covid-19 through shared use of indoor facilities (toilets, equipment storage areas)	Players, coaches, spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will limit the indoor facilities that are open at all our venues to toilets only at this time. No kitchens or changing rooms will be available. Players and officials should arrive and travel home in their kit. • When using indoor toilet facilities, there will be a strict one in / one out policy. Those waiting outside should form a socially distanced queue. 	All participants	At each event

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone using toilet facilities will be reminded about the importance of following good hand-hygiene. • Anyone using indoor facilities should sanitise their hands before and after use. • Designated equipment carriers will sanitise communal equipment such as footballs before and after each session. • Hands should be sanitised before and after accessing indoor spaces. 		
3	Transmission of Covid-19 through close contact with others	Players, coaches, spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants will be asked to read the current FA guidelines thoroughly before attending any football activity. • All participants will be asked to maintain social distancing, in line with the current FA and government guidance, when not on the field of play (ie during warm ups, team discussions, drinks breaks and before and after sessions). • Goal celebrations, handshakes and other direct contact between players that is not part of the game will not be allowed. • Participants will be encouraged not to car share with those outside their family or "bubble" and to follow the latest government guidance on travel and the use of public transport. • When using 3G facilities, players, coaches and spectators must wait outside the "cage" until the previous group has completely left. • Drinks bottles should not be shared. • Players should be told that spitting, squirting of water bottles and swilling of water that is then spat out, is completely unacceptable. • Players and coaches should be discouraged from shouting, especially when face to face. • When treating injuries, the first aider should wear a face covering and ensure they follow the FA guidance on treating injuries whilst considering Covid-19 transmission. 	All participants	At each event

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4	Participants do not understand or have not read the current Covid-19 guidance	Players, coaches, spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent of any participant under the age of consent (18 years) will be asked to sign and return, by e-mail, a consent form that states they are happy for their child to participate in this activity, and that they have read and understand the latest FA and government guidance. Links to the guidance will be provided for all parents to read before signing the consent form. • Club officials will be encouraged to reinforce the guidance in person to the whole group before each session and participants will be encouraged to ask any questions if they are not sure, to the club officials present at the session. • If there are language issues or learning difficulties that make it difficult for an individual to understand what is being asked of them, this should be mentioned to the club officials in attendance so the club can help in the best way they can for that individual. 	All participants, plus parents of child participants	Prior to and at each event
5	Someone exhibits Covid-19 symptoms before football activity, has tested positive for Covid-19 or is asked to self-isolate due to potential contact with Covid-19	Players, coaches, spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants will need to provide a contact phone number to the club officers prior to their participation in a session. • Coaches should keep a digital record of who attended each session, along with a contact number for each participant. Remember to consider GDPR and safeguarding guidance on the storage of data. • All participants should be encouraged to report any Covid-19 symptoms, positive Covid-19 test results or any contact from the health services to ask that they self-isolate due to potential contact with Covid-19 to the club officials immediately. • Participants should be reminded that nobody with symptoms that may indicate they have Covid-19 or who has been contacted by the health authorities to self-isolate due to potential contact with Covid-19 should attend any football activity. 	All participants, plus parents of child participants	Prior to and at each event
6	A participant exhibits Covid-19 symptoms during football activity	Players, coaches, spectators	The participant in question should be kept socially distant from others, in line with government guidance, whilst all other safeguarding criteria are met. If the participant is a child, and their parent or guardian is not present, they should be	All participants, plus parents of child participants	At each event

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			informed immediately and asked to collect their child at the soonest possible time.		
7	Participants may have health conditions that make them particularly at risk from Covid-19	Players, coaches, spectators	It is the responsibility of individual participants or their parents to make club officials aware of any health conditions any participant may have that may put them at higher risk from Covid-19. In the case of children, it is also their responsibility to decide whether they are comfortable with their child attending football activities, based on the guidelines we have in place.	All participants	Prior to each event

FA guidelines: <http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/summary-of-covid-19-guidance-on-re-starting-competitive-grassroots-football.ashx>

FA guidance on treating injuries: <https://www.thefa.com/-/media/cfa/global/files/referees/treatment-of-injuries-guidance.ashx>

Government guidance on travel and the use of public transport: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

More information on managing risk: www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/

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