

COVID-19 PLAN FOR ORGANISED OUTDOOR CRICKET ACTIVITY IN ENGLAND FROM 17TH MAY

APPLICABLE TO PLAYERS, VOLUNTEERS, SPECTATORS, PARENTS, CLUBS, COACHES & OFFICIALS



This document provides measures that should be taken by players, volunteers, spectators, parents, clubs, coaches and officials before, during and after all organised cricket activity. For all activity, UK government social distancing guidance should be adhered to at all times.

This document refers to the current plan for England from May 17th onwards, and could change in response to the current COVID-19 government roadmap out of lockdown or other UK government guidance.



BEFORE ACTIVITY

- The safe number of participants (which enables social distancing to be maintained) should be determined by a venue risk assessment and communicated beforehand.
- Before attending any cricket activities or venues, all participants, officials, volunteers and spectators must self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms:
 - A high temperature.
 - A new, continuous cough.
 - A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.If you have one or more of these symptoms you should not attend any cricket activity and must follow NHS and PHE guidance on self-isolation.
- People with health conditions that put them at increased risk should consider the risks of participating in cricket activity.
- Follow Government guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 (found [here](#)) if this applies to you.
- Personal hygiene measures should be carried out at home before and after use of the facility.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser where possible and practice strong hand hygiene at all times.
- Follow Government guidance on public transport or car sharing available [here](#)
- For advice on reducing the risk of infection when outside your home see [here](#)
- Club representatives should ensure that the facility is compliant with current Government legislation including legislation and guidance related to COVID-19. A risk assessment should have been completed and risk mitigation measures put in place and monitored
- Changing rooms can be used where it is safe to do so but subject to risk assessment and restrictions – see the Changing Rooms section of Part 2 of the full guidance. Clubs and venues should inform visitors that these are areas of increased risk, that they should shower and change at home where possible, and those that do need to use changing rooms should minimise time spent inside.
- Club representatives should make all participants aware of expected social distancing and hygiene behaviour during play and whilst on site.
- Club representatives should make all participants aware of the minor increase in transmission risk associated in partaking in even socially distanced group activity.
- Participants should arrive in kit and ready to warm-up.
- Teas and food can be provided where this can be done in compliance with the government guidance on hospitality and it is safe to do so (see the Teas section in Part 2 of the full guidance). Clubs and venues are not obliged to provide teas at this stage. Where teas are not provided, participants should bring their own food and drink or where available purchase food and drinks in line with Government guidance on hospitality. Water bottles should be clearly marked with the owner's name and must not be shared.
- Social interaction before playing cricket should take part in accordance with social distancing requirements and legal gathering size limits



DURING ACTIVITY

- Participants should enter the site and prepare their personal equipment whilst maintaining social distancing.
- People should maintain the rules on social contact before and after sporting activity, including any breaks in play, or whilst waiting to bat.
- Sharing of equipment must be avoided where possible, particularly that used around the head and face, such as helmets. Where equipment is shared, equipment must be cleaned before use by another person. More information is available [here](#).
- No sweat or saliva is to be applied to the ball at any time. Any infringement should result in immediate disinfection of the ball.
- All participants to wash their hands prior to the start of the activity.
- Hand sanitiser to be used at all breaks in activity (or every 6 overs during match play) and prior to consuming any food or drinks.
- There should be no shouting, singing or spitting.
- Spectators are permitted at both public and private venues. Spectators must observe social distancing and legal gathering size limits (groups of up to 30 outdoors). Outdoors, multiple groups of 30 (with no interaction among different groups) are permitted.



AFTER ACTIVITY

- Participants will exit whilst maintaining social distancing.
- Social interaction after playing cricket should take place in line with social distancing requirements and legal gathering size limits.
- One club representative/volunteer will be responsible for collecting and disinfecting shared equipment.
- Regular cleaning of equipment and the facility should take place, particularly between one group finishing, and the next group starting.