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**Review**

The information around COVID-19 changes on a frequent basis and you will need to monitor the latest advice for any changes that could impact your club. We have provided a library of resources and guidance that can be monitored for the latest information.

**Communication to players**

Communication is key and there are a lot of changes that your players need to digest and consider before returning to court. Continuous communication throughout this process is key and demonstrates you are putting your members’ safety first

**Review and Complete Risk Assessment**

All clubs, coaches and groups must complete a Covid-19 specific risk assessment before returning to court.

The risk assessment, which must be carried out by a person who has a good understanding of the 5 basic steps to conducting a Risk Assessment\*, is a careful examination of what, while playing, could cause harm to players so that you can decide whether you have taken enough precautions or should do more to prevent harm.

*\* If you are in a role that requires that you conduct a risk assessment(s) in the first instance visit the* [*https://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/controlling-risks.htm*](https://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/controlling-risks.htm)

There is a lot of information out there regarding Covid-19 and details change daily. We have therefore structured our resource to provide a logical thought process to follow:

Alsager Badminton Club

Covid 19 Risk return to Play

Risk Assessment

**Risk Assessment Form – Template**

| **Session:** | Club Night | **Date Completed:** | 11.10.20 |
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| **Venue:** | Alsager Leisure Centre | **Completed by:** | Chris Geal |
| **COVID-19 Officers:** | Chris Geal, Andrew Bennett, Steve Bennett, Ajith George | | |

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| What is the Hazard? | Who might be harmed | Action Taken | Risk rating after controls  (Low, Medium, High) | Actioned by |
| **Social Distancing and spread of COVID-19** | Players, coaches, and volunteers | * Booking system in place to manage session numbers (Teamer) * Four Covid-19 officers appointed to ensure social distancing guidelines and ensure anyone not playing on court must remain at least 2 meters from those playing and each other * Seating set up at back of court as a base * No bodily contact, including handshakes and high fives at any time. * No gatherings once training (or games) has finished * Players advised to only attend if they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> | Low  Low  Low  Low  Low  Low | Teamer Admins  All  ALC staff  All  All  All |
| **Use of equipment during session** | Players, coaches, and volunteers | * Code of conduct signed, agreed and returned as to what equipment players should bring and that the list will be reinforced in session. * All players and coaches must bring their own equipment they need for the session * Players cannot share equipment * Players must only use their own racket(s). * Sharing of shuttles - players reminded to have thoroughly washed their hands (in accordance with Government guidance) and use hand sanitiser immediately before and after play. * Club will provide hand-sanitiser for each court but players encouraged to bring their own for personal use * Players to only use shuttles from their designated playing group of 6 * No water bottles will be provided to share, players asked to bring clearly marked bottle which they do not share * Equipment bags to be stored behind players playing court, equipment and clothes inside, and at least 2 metres from the back of the court and any other players * Ensure participants take all their belongings with them at the end of the session * Session organiser to inform players not to use/touch equipment such as nets, posts or floor mops. If they do, hand sanitiser will be available. | Low  Low  Low  Low  Low  Low  Low  Low  Low  Low | All  All  All  All  All  Covid Officers  All  All  All  All  Covid Officers |
| **Participant Activity** | Players, coaches, and volunteers | * Covid-19 Officers to communicate playing groups of 6 before session * Look to stagger start and finish times to reduce numbers of participants during sessions * Direct participants to stay home if they are sick, and if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 * Instruct participants to tell you if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, have been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19 or have been tested for COVID-19 | Low  Low  Low  Low | Covid Officers  All  All  All |
| **Increased risk to participants with underlying medical conditions and BAME groups** | Those with underlying health conditions | * Organiser to identify high risk participants or those from vulnerable groups before session <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/> * Share Risk Assessment information before sessions start, allowing these participants to make an informed choice about attending the session | Low  Low | Covid Officers  Webmaster |
| **Travelling to session and possible site requirements** | Players, coaches, and volunteers | * Must travel to venue by car either on own or with members of the same household only * If using public transport, they must ensure that face coverings are worn * Inform participants of the status of changing facilities and toilet facilities – recommend that players arrive changed and ready to play. Do not use the venue’s changing areas | Low  Low  Low | All  All  All |
| **Entry and exit to building** | Players, coaches, and volunteers | * Entry and exit will be via a designated entrance communicated in advance * NHS track and Trace app to be used * Participants must arrive at the venue for the allotted start time of the session * Participants must, on entry and exit from the facility, use the hand sanitizer gel to clean their hands when using the Hand Sanitizer station provided at the entry/exit point * On entry to the venue, participants/coaches enter and go straight to their assigned court and seating area wearing a face mask / covering through Alsager Leisure Centre common areas. * End of session, everyone must leave the site in order of nearest court first. They should leave immediately once returned to their cars.   N.B No social gatherings/groups | Low  Low  Low  Low  Low  Low | All  All  All  All  All  All |

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| **Cross infection through Poor hygiene** | Players, coaches, and volunteers | * Covid-19 officer to supply hand sanitiser and make available on entrance to the hall and back of courts – players to apply regularly through session * Shuttlecocks will not be used for 72 hours after each session * First Aiders wash hands and arms before (during, if necessary) and after dealing with a first aid situation * First Aiders wear appropriate protective clothing to stop personal contamination e.g. gloves and ensure its safe disposal or cleaning * First Aiders avoid hand-mouth or hand-eye contact * Disinfect equipment and after any first aid incident |  |  |
| **Provision of first aid** | Players, coaches, and volunteers | * Any treatment will be via participate self-management, with the First Aider maintaining social distancing at all times unless contact is deemed absolutely necessary based a significant risk to the athlete of being left to self-manage * Patient to be given a face mask to wear during treatment * If contact is necessary, the First Aider will ensure they wear adequate PPE equipment as per Government Guidelines * Covid-19 Officer to complete the Accident & Incident Report Form; * Patient not to handle/touch the Report Form * The following equipment/PPE will be provided for the First Aider;   + Protective medical Gloves   + Face masks for general first aid * Follow the guidance issued by [The Resuscitation Council UK](https://www.resus.org.uk/media/statements/resuscitation-council-uk-statements-on-covid-19-coronavirus-cpr-and-resuscitation/covid-community/) on CPR delivery |  |  |