

COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

This assessment reviews the position for ETFC Ltd (the Club) and ETFC Community Sports Development (the Charity) following the removal of government restrictions on 19 July 2021 and sets out steps to be taken to reduce the transmission of Covid-19.

The measures referred to are in accordance with the Government Guidance on Covid-19 Measures for Grassroots sports participants, providers and facility operators published on 22 July 2021. This may be revised in accordance with any future guidance published.

How to Participate and Spectate Safely

1. Participants and spectators should continue to self-assess for symptoms in particular:
 - A high temperature
 - A new, continuous cough
 - A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

If you, or anyone you live with, have one or more of these symptoms you should not attend any sporting activity, even if your symptoms are mild. You should follow NHS guidance on testing and self-isolation.

If you have been informed that you need to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace (or are required to self-isolate in relation to travel), you must do so. You should not leave your isolation location in order to participate in sport and physical activity. You can find more information in the NHS guidance on how to self-isolate.

2. You should check into stadium or 3G facility using the NHS Covid-19 app and scan the QR code.
3. Players and officials using dressing rooms are encouraged to take a LFT before attending the stadium.
4. Users of dressing rooms are encouraged to avoid overcrowding and limit numbers in the area at any one time. This includes carrying out team talks outside and arranging changing within set groups.
5. Players, staff and spectators may be asked to provide evidence of negative test, vaccination status, or anti-body status through the NHS Covid Pass.
6. Attendance in the board room for hospitality will be limited to 12 persons. Names of officials attending should be provided to the match secretary in advance.
7. Hospitality will be provided to players in a reserved area in our marquee or Butlers Bar.

Hygiene

1. The stadium and marquee area will be cleaned regularly. High touch areas to be cleaned after each event. A deep clean (fogging) will take place every 6 weeks subject to further review.

2. Water bottles or other refreshment containers should not be shared. Advise participants to bring their own water bottle or refreshment container, in a labelled or highly distinguishable container. If you are providing water or other beverages, ensure that these are provided to individuals and are not expected to be shared.
3. Equipment used for training including bibs to be cleaned after each session.
4. Match balls to be sanitized before match and at half time.
5. Physios and other medical personnel should ensure that equipment and surfaces are frequently cleaned and disinfected, and maintain hygiene standards when treating participants.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer required by law, but the government expects and recommends that people should continue to wear them in crowded and enclosed settings, to protect themselves and others. Where worn correctly, this can reduce the risk of transmission.

1. Participants, staff and spectators are encouraged to wear face coverings as far as is practical within the stadium building, club shop, and toilets.
2. Spectators are encouraged to wear face coverings when ordering from the counter of Butlers Bar and the Marquee to protect staff.
3. Face coverings are encouraged to be worn on entry to Players and Officials entrance and in corridors.

Actions Needed

Following actions to be taken to reduce transmission:

Aerosol and droplet transmission

The main way of spreading COVID-19 is through close contact with an infected person. When someone with COVID-19 breathes, speaks, coughs or sneezes, they release particles (droplets and aerosols) containing the virus that causes COVID-19. These particles can be breathed in by another person.

To reduce aerosol transmission improve natural ventilation by:

- Keep windows open where possible particularly in dressing rooms when occupied.
- Keep windows and doors open in Butlers Bar and Boardroom.
- In smaller spaces such as Office restrict number of persons to two at any one time.
- Encouraging the use of outdoor space wherever possible such as use of marquee for discussions or socialising.

To reduce droplet transmission:

- Reduce contact between people. Where practical take the following measures:
 - Keeping the activity time involved as short as possible
 - Using screens or barriers to separate people.
 - Reducing the number of people staff have contact with, for example by using fixed teams, partnering or cohorting, so that each person works with only a few others.
- Recommending the use of face coverings by staff, particularly in enclosed and crowded spaces.

Surface transmission

Surfaces and belongings can also be contaminated with COVID-19, when people who are infected cough or sneeze near them or if they touch them. To reduce surface transmission:

- Advising participants, staff, and spectators to wash their hands or use hand sanitiser frequently. This is particularly important before and after touching shared objects or surfaces that other people touch regularly.
- Maintaining regular cleaning of surfaces, particularly surfaces that people touch regularly.
- Providing handwashing facilities and hand sanitiser, particularly in high-traffic or higher-risk areas, such as entrance foyers, doorways, and toilet facilities.

Awareness

- Appropriate signage to be displayed.
- Participants and Staff to be made aware of these safeguards.
- Website to publicise this Risk Assessment Review.

Agreed by Board of the Club and Charity

11 August 2021