# COVID-19 PLAN FOR ORGANISED OUTDOOR CRICKET ACTIVITY IN ENGLAND FROM 29TH MARCH

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

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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 March 29th 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

• Clubhouses and changing rooms should not be used, except by people with disabilities, although toilet facilities can be accessed. 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.

• Limit the time spent congregating at a venue before cricket activity. This could involve having strict meeting times or staggering start times.

• Participants should arrive in kit and ready to warm-up.

• Participants should bring their own food and drink. Water bottles should be clearly marked with the owner's name and must not be shared.

• Social interaction before playing cricket should only take place outdoors, and in separate and distinct groups consisting of up to 6 people or two households.

## 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 (and every 6 overs during match play) and prior to consuming any food or drinks.

• There should be no shouting, singing or spitting.

• Spectators are not permitted (except for carers for people with disabilities, or adults needed to supervise under 18s in a safeguarding role). Where it is necessary for them to be present, supervising adults should not mix with others from outside their household or support bubble.

## AFTER ACTIVITY

• Participants will exit whilst maintaining social distancing.

• Limit the time spent congregating at a venue after cricket activity and ensure that social interaction takes place outdoors, and in separate and distinct groups consisting of up to 6 people or two households. Social distancing should be maintained.

• 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.