

Risk assessment (relating to Covid-19 transmission)

For Football Training & Matches

Company name: Alford Town Football Club

Assessment carried out by: Rob Wilson

Date of assessment: 19th July 2020

Date of next review: 1st October 2020 or if restrictions change (whichever is the sooner)

N.B. This Risk Assessment constitutes the club’s “Covid-19 Plan” with Rob Wilson as the “Covid-19 Officer”

Foreword

Covid-19 restrictions imposed by both UK Government and the Football Association are being gradually eased and the latter released updated guidance for a return to competitive training and matches for grassroots football on 18th July 2020, allowing full training in groups of 30 (including a coach), contact games/drills & competitive matches. The football club’s management committee (and in particular team managers) will be responsible for ensuring the measures listed below are adhered to.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
Contamination from the lock and gate when gaining entrance to the ground	Committee members entering the ground.	Spray lock, gate post and part of gate handled with bleach solution	None	Committee Members	Immediately until further notice	On-going

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		upon leaving the ground				
Contamination from goalposts & other training & match equipment including footballs	All club members and visitors	Spray all equipment and goalposts where they might have been touched with a bleach solution following training sessions. If “bibs” are used, they are to be washed between training sessions.	For matches spray goalposts, corner flags & football(s) with disinfectant bleach solution during hygiene breaks set at the quarter, half and three quarter stage of the match. Players to use hand sanitiser at these stages. Attempt to limit the amount of times and the number of participants that handle the ball during play.	Team managers Parents to supply named hand sanitiser for their children. Club will make hand sanitiser available near training space or match pitch.	Immediately	On-going
Virus picked up from participant’s equipment	Any member using other members equipment and then touching their face, mouth or eyes	All members to be instructed to use their own equipment and NOT to borrow anyone else’s equipment e.g. goalkeepers gloves and drinks bottles,	Players should come dressed in the correct kit for training or matches and it is the player household’s responsibility to wash that kit at home after use.	Team Managers to issue instruction. Club members to adhere to policy. Parents/players to wash player kit.	Immediately	On-going

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		unless that person is from the same household.				
Virus transferred between individuals.	Club members & visitors from different households training or playing in a match, or parents or spectators watching. Virus could be passed if social distancing is not observed or other hygiene strategies not followed.	N/A due to this being the initial assessment	Before matches & training managers will issue a safety briefing to players and spectators, and repeat where necessary. This will include a reminder about social distancing and the issuing of hand sanitiser for those who don't have their own. Each player will be instructed to observe social distancing (2m) during training & matches where possible, within the confines of a competitive drill or game. Each player and manager/coach to use hand sanitiser before, after and during training and matches. Parking on the grounds will be	Team Managers Players/ Parents Club to provide PPE	Immediately and throughout each session	On-going

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			<p>managed so as to avoid congestion and, if necessary, signage displayed to help this. If a player is injured during training or a match, a member of the same household should attend to the injury in the first instance. If no-one is available from that household, then the team manager or coach can attend to that player but must wear PPE when doing so – apron, face mask, face visor & gloves. More serious injuries should be referred to medical professionals or other appropriately qualified persons. Players will be instructed not to spit or rinse out their mouths during training sessions or matches and</p>			

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			<p>there should be no handshakes or team huddles. Goal scoring celebrations should be kept to a safe minimum. Managers, coaches, players and spectators should avoid shouting or raising their voice if face to face with others.</p> <p>For travel to training or matches, people from a household or support bubble can travel together in a vehicle.</p> <p>If participants do have to travel with people outside their household or support bubble they should try to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the transport with the same people each time; • Keep to small groups of people at any one time; 			

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open windows for ventilation; • Face away from each other; • Clean the car between journeys using standard cleaning products – including door handles and other areas that people may touch; • Ask the driver and all passengers to wear a face covering; • Consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle. • Get all people in the vehicle to use hand sanitiser before the journey. <p>Parents/guardians of youth players will sign a consent form before allowing their child to take</p>			

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			part in training and matches.			
Possibility of virus picked up from entering the clubhouse or using toilet facilities.	Anyone entering the clubhouse and using any of the facilities such as toilets	All door handles/locks used to be wiped or sprayed with a bleach solution at the end of training sessions. Toilet seats, flush handles, sinks & taps to be wiped with an alcohol based solution between individual uses. Alcohol based hand sanitiser provided in toilets along with normal soap. Only one individual allowed to go to toilet at a time;	Introduce a one way system for accessing the clubhouse or toilets and provide signage to accompany this together with advisory signage regarding socially distanced queuing. Changing rooms and shower facilities will not be open for use. Socially distanced queuing for food/drinks at outside bar area.	Team Managers and/or adult club members	Before locking the clubhouse and during use where appropriate	On-going

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		children to be accompanied by parent or adult member of their household.				
Food contamination or transmission of virus via food and drink products on sale.	Club members and visitors	N/A due to this being the initial assessment	Kitchen/serving area to be moved outside to covered area on veranda. Where feasible, all volunteers working in the kitchen area should keep as far apart as possible, and face away from each other. Those handling food should not handle cash and likewise those handling cash should not handle food. Frequent use of alcohol based hand sanitiser. Suitable PPE should be worn by staff including face masks. Kitchen equipment to be frequently washed and	Kitchen staff volunteers	Before opening kitchen/bar sales area	On-going

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			surfaces frequently sanitised.			

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