

COVID-19 Solihull Council Guidance for those wishing to restart sport and/or physical activity in Solihull

This Guidance note applies to the following areas:

- 1. Solihull Council directly provided or commissioned sport and/or physical activity programmes**
- 2. Sport and/or physical activities run by key partners with whom the Council has a contract**
- 3. Organisations who lease, hire or utilise parks, open space or property from the Council**
- 4. Sport and physical activity providers who deliver activity within Solihull borough i.e. sports clubs, Community Interest Companies.**

Due to COVID-19 the Council needs to ensure that all reasonable steps to be COVID-secure are being taken by those who wish to use its premises or where it either directly provides or commissions any activities. Any recommencement of activities must be/should be done in accordance with the following:

- 1. That the advice of the UK Government, Community Protection and/or Health & Safety Executive is being followed**
- 2. That the bespoke guidance and protocols issued by the relevant National Governing Body, Federation and/or umbrella organisation (if applicable) are being followed**
- 3. That a full COVID-19 specific risk assessment has been carried out, and that the practical considerations have been followed (see example of a risk assessment check list)**

Contractors, providers, hirers and tenants should make their own decisions about when their services are considered safe to restart as permitted by legislation. The safety and wellbeing of their employees, volunteers and users must be the primary driver of actions in this area, making sure that everything is COVID- secure.

Failure to complete a risk assessment which takes account of COVID-19, or completing a risk assessment but failing to put in place sufficient measures to manage the risk of COVID-19, could constitute a breach of health and safety law.

It is not the Council's responsibility to carry out these assessments for contractors, providers, hirers or tenants. However the Council will expect to see evidence that contractors, providers, hirers or tenants have taken the steps referred to above.

This COVID-19 Guidance will be communicated to partners & third parties by being displayed on the Council's website and will be reviewed as and when Government guidelines change.

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See Appendix 1: Examples of COVID – 19 considerations

See Appendix 2: Example risk assessment checklist