



Covid-19 Action Plan : Allowing Spectators

STADIUM FACILITY (mobile signage in place, Protocols advertised on website/multi-media etc.)

Pre-Attendance for 20/21 AFFILIATED clubs only

- Clubs/teams to appoint and advise the name of their Covid-19 Officer and to forward a copy of their updated Covid-19 Risk Assessment. Covid-19 Officers must attend the event
- Clubs/teams to communicate these protocols and procedures to **ALL** spectators/attendees. Failure to communicate or for spectators to adhere to these protocols could result in cancellation of fixture
- All spectators to self-assess prior to leaving home or on arrival. Anyone who is symptomatic or suspects they have been exposed to the virus (temperature above 37.8°C, cough, smell/taste) **MUST** not attend.
IMPORTANT: All spectators/players etc. will have their temperature taken prior to entry into the stadium. Refusal or a temperature of above 37.8°C will regrettably result in access being denied
- Clubs must complete a “**Test & Trace**” record of ALL spectators/players etc. to the facility (name, telephone number, date, arrival/departure time). Sussex County FA to take details of “Lead Person/Hirer”
- Players **must** continue arrive and leave in relevant kit/footwear and come with minimal other items (bags, clothes etc). No changing rooms or showers will be available unless advised otherwise
- Spectators/players to use toilet prior to leaving home

Travel & Parking

- All attendees are recommended to use private transport, and to avoid using coaches/minibuses, public transport and car-sharing with people from different households. If not possible a face mask must be worn, and the 2-meter distancing rule applied
- Clubs/teams must adhere **STRICTLY** to their fixture times, including arrival and departure times of spectators/players
- All vehicles must be parked “**Forwards**”
- Nobody should arrive or exit their car until their designated time (max. 15 minutes prior to start time)

On Arrival (at the DESIGNATED TIME)

- To avoid “clustering” all spectators/players should arrive and leave punctually
- Players should make their way directly to the pitch (unless advised differently) using the exclusive pitch entry point
- The Peter Bentley Suite can be used by players to store any bags etc., securely.
- Spectators, parents, drivers must always remain in their vehicles until their designated entry times
- All attendees to refrain (as much as possible) from touching key areas/touch points around the stadium – gates, fencing/balustrades, goals etc.

Stadium Layout

- There will be one entrance (central gate) and one exit (East Gate) with a clearly marked one-way system. Congestion to be avoided and maintain 2-metre distancing

- The pitch should be accessed by the correct gate (as per the attached)
- Teams **MUST** always remain isolated from each other and clubs to ensure that:
 - All players/spectators sterilise hands on arrival and on departure (recommended all attendees bring their own hand sanitiser marked with their own name)
 - All players/spectators maintain a strict 2-metre distance at all times
 - Players to bring own water-bottle marked with their own name (do not share)

Spectator Entry

- Whenever possible fixtures should be by pre-sold ticket only. Reducing the risk of breaching the 300 capacity, disappointing supporters (especially “away” supporters) and having to take cash on the gate
- Clubs to advertise all Covid-19 Protocols via their website, social media, tickets sites, ground signage etc. and to inform the League. Spectators also to be advised on arrival/entry. See Important Notice below.
- All spectators (and players) will have their hands sanitised and temperature taken prior to entry into the stadium. Refusal or a temperature of above 37.8°C will regrettably result in access being denied.
- Spectators will not be allowed entry until at least 15 minutes after the players have entered
- Seating numbers will be allocated on entry by stewards, and spectators must occupy the same seat throughout the fixture
- Standing spectators must follow the 2-meter distancing rule
- Stewards will monitor all spectators throughout the game

Bar & Servery

- These will now be available for all spectators with the following provisions:
 - One-way queueing systems will be in place, with relevant barriers, signage and floor markings
 - 2-meter distancing must always be adhered to
 - No indoor seating/tables will be provided, and all spectators must exit the bar/lounge immediately after purchasing their drinks
 - Contactless payment is recommended
- Reminders for all spectators will be made via the PA System
- No matchday hospitality will be available at any time before, during or after a fixture

Changing Facilities

- Changing facilities will be restored at the earliest opportunity with the following limitations to ensure 2-meter distancing and minimal social interaction, and to be done as quickly as possible:
 - Players changing max.6
 - Players showering max.3
 - Match Officials changing max.2
- Players to sanitise hands prior to entering the changing area
- To allow maximum ventilation of changing areas all doors to remain open (changing rooms, tunnel, Atrium) and monitored
- Teams must stagger entry and exit times to reduce “clustering” and must not enter the field of play collectively
- All belongings/bags to be moved to the Peter Bentley Suite after exiting the changing areas
- Any team talks to be conducted on the pitch

- The “home” team MUST make provisions for priority access for the “away” team
- Clubs to make suitable provision for all players (home and away) whilst waiting to change/shower (and those once they are changed) – reduced social interaction, socially distanced etc.

RECOMMENDATION

Changing areas provide the greater risk of transmission so it is highly recommended that players **continue to arrive ready-changed** in match kit as, unless all the above conditions can be met, the changing areas will remain closed.

First Aid

- Clubs to provide own First Aid Kit and PPE equipment for physio/medical staff
- Attendees to self-administer for smaller injuries. Coaches to provide advice only and maintain distancing
- If CPR required, only deliver by chest compressions and use of de-fibrillater
- First Aid Kit Bag and Equipment to be sanitised immediately after use

Attendees Hygiene

- It is important for players/spectators to be responsible for their own hygiene
- Managers/coaches to only use their own equipment and to disinfect at the very least on arrival/ departure, but as regularly as possible
- Players/spectators showing symptoms, or feeling unwell, to immediately return home and self-isolate.
- Players/spectators to sanitise hands as frequently as possible
- Only 1-person at a time to use the “ground” toilets and maintain 2-meter distancing in “bar” toilets
- Use paper towels provided rather than hand dryers (turned off). Dispose of towels in bins provided

Club/County FA Hygiene Responsibilities

- Public areas (toilets, gates etc.) and equipment (goals, balls) to be cleaned before, during and after each fixture, paying attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces (e.g. taps, flush and door handles etc.)
- All staff to wear relevant PPE (disposable gloves, face masks etc.) and use a disposable paper roll to disinfect surfaces with sanitiser spray, and wash/sanitise hands after each clean

IMPORTANT NOTICE

These protocols are intended to ensure the highest possible hygiene and safety standards and compliance by all players/spectators is welcomed and crucial for their success. However, **repeat offenders and those who totally disregard Government/FA guidance will be requested to leave the premises.** If required, serious offenders will be reported to the police, who have been given powers to enforce Government measures.