



<b>Title of activity</b> Hosting matches during Covid-19 pandemic			
<b>Location of activity</b> Demcom Stadium, Downham Road, Ely		<b>Start and end dates</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> August ongoing, reliant on further updates from Government, local and national FA	
Hazard	Effect	Control measures	Residual risk
Person to person infection of Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All attendees must undergo a self-assessment for any Covid-19 symptoms. No-one should leave home to participate in football, or spectate, if they, or someone they live with, has any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A high temperature (above 37.8°C);</li> <li>A new, continuous cough;</li> <li>A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Moderate
People accessing the Demcom Stadium with potential for person to person, or surface to person, infection of Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand sanitising facilities will be available near all entrances to the ground.</li> <li>A club official will control access in such a way to prevent any groups forming. This will be done by allowing players and officials to enter via external gates rather than through the turnstile area.</li> </ul>	Low
People attending the Demcom stadium may be unaware of the control measures in place to reduce the risk of infection from Covid-19	Increased exposure to infection from Covid-19 which could lead to illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club will appoint a Covid-19 officer who will hold a safety briefing/s for match participants to outline the control measures and arrangements put in place and to enforce the FA Code of Behaviour.</li> <li>In the absence of the Covid-19 officer another suitably able official will undertake the role.</li> </ul>	Moderate
Match participants may be exposed to infection of Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate risk assessment for participating in matches issued to players and officials of Ely City FC and sent in advance to visiting teams</li> <li>Additional seating should be provided in enlarged technical areas to ensure social distancing in the dugouts.</li> </ul>	Moderate
Access to clubhouse with potential for person to person, or surface to person, infection of Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to the various areas of the clubhouse will be controlled with the use of well signed one way systems so as to enhance social distancing.</li> <li>People wishing to make a purchase from the bar will adhere to social distance markings on the floor and should only approach the bar area when called forward</li> <li>All drinks should be served in disposable plastic cups.</li> <li>Customers will be requested to make payment via contactless card machine whenever possible.</li> <li>Bar surface and tables will be regularly cleaned with appropriate product.</li> <li>Whenever possible doors should be left open to eliminate the need to touch handles</li> <li>All common touch points, including toilet facilities, to receive enhanced cleaning with appropriate product.</li> <li>In order to remove the risk of aerosol droplets hand dryers will be switched off and paper towels used in hand washing areas.</li> </ul>	Moderate

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Person to person infection of Covid-19 virus whilst spectating	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The initial capacity of the stadium will be 150 spectators, (not including match participants, committee members and club official matchday volunteers). When notification is received that stage 2 is to be implemented capacity will rise to 300.</li> <li>Spectators queuing to enter the ground should do so in a socially distanced manner. The club should manage this with the aid of items such as floor markings, notices and volunteers advising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It may be necessary to utilise some parking bays to create additional safe queueing space.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Spectators should be encouraged to make payment without using cash. In order to do this the gate to the side of the turnstile block will be open with a volunteer taking payment with a card reader. Any spectators using cash will be directed to the turnstile entrance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the enclosed nature of the turnstile entrance only one person/same household group should be admitted at any one time.</li> <li>As soon as practicably possible the club should investigate, and implement, a means of advance ticket purchase.</li> </ul> </li> <li>On entering the ground spectators should give their name and contact details to a club official in order to keep a record for track and trace purposes. These details will be kept securely and destroyed after 21 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As soon as practicably possible the club should investigate, and implement, a system of “checking in” for spectators to reduce the requirement for physical lists, i.e. QR code scanning.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In order to maintain social distancing, until further notice, the stand will be closed. Any spectator with mobility issues who requires to have a seat should make themselves known to a club official who will arrange for a chair to be brought from the clubhouse so that the spectator may be seated in a suitable area.</li> <li>Any non-participants at the match, (to include spectators, club and league officials etc.), should remain socially distanced whilst attending the event. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six-person gathering limits and spread out in line with wider Government guidance.</li> </ul>	Moderate
The stadium reaches capacity and there are still people waiting to be let in	Unrest or disappointment among those not let in leading to distress and, or verbal or physical abuse to volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spectators will be advised in advance using social media and other appropriate channels of reduced capacity and the need to arrive early.</li> <li>The number of spectators should be monitored carefully and when 75% of reduced capacity is reached, (112 or 225 at stage 2), a message should be sent using social media to advise that the ground is nearly full. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An estimate of those waiting to get in should be made and if this exceeds, or approaches, a figure which will reach capacity any new arrivals should be politely told they will not be able to gain access on this occasion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Moderate



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Whilst retrieving a match ball which has been kicked out of the stadium a club official or volunteer may be exposed to the Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After retrieving the ball it should be cleaned with suitable wipes and made available to the match officials. The person who retrieved the ball should then wash their hands or use a suitable cleaning gel.</li> </ul>	Low
A person develops Covid-19 symptoms during a match	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a player, coach, spectator, match or club official becomes symptomatic during a match they should immediately remove themselves from the ground and return home as soon as possible. NHS guidance on further management of symptoms should be followed.</li> </ul>	Moderate
A person develops symptoms of Covid-19 after attending a match	Other attendees may have been infected that then go on to infect others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A record of everyone attending a match should be kept.</li> <li>If an attendee subsequently develops symptoms and tests positive for the Covid-19 virus any relevant recent attendance list should be made available to the NHS Test and Trace service.</li> </ul>	Moderate
Should the referee be required to remove players from the pitch in an unplanned manner, e.g. in the event of a thunderstorm, players and officials may be at risk of person to person infection of Covid-19 virus if no suitable space is allocated	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before the match it will be agreed between captains and officials where teams should move to. As there are currently no spectators in the ground the following could apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One team could shelter in the dressing room area ensuring all available spaces are used to meet social distancing.</li> <li>The other team could shelter in the clubhouse, preferably in the foyer and bar areas as the dancefloor section could pose a slip hazard.</li> <li>The match officials should assess the situation and shelter where most appropriate.</li> <li>Spectators will be asked to shelter in their cars if applicable until such a time as the match is deemed safe to continue or it is abandoned.</li> <li>Any other non-participants present should shelter at the dancefloor end of the clubhouse, again ensuring social distancing is maintained with groups limited to six.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Low

## Personal Protective Equipment required

At this time no specified PPE is required other than that for first aid as long as social distancing is maintained.


## Further control measures required? If yes, list with actions.

- All participants should understand and adhere to all protocols issued by club officials at both home and away venues
- Any concerns should be raised with a club officer as soon as possible.



**The risk assessor and a club official must sign to confirm that this is a suitable and sufficient assessment of risk and that all stated control measures are in place.**

This risk assessment should be reviewed and revised if additional risks not covered in this assessment are identified or if there is any reason to indicate that the control measures are insufficient.

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**Club officials must sign to confirm that the risk assessment has been read and understood.**

Name	Position held	Signature	Date