



Title of activity Participating in matches during Covid-19 pandemic			
Location of activity Ely City main and back pitches, away fixtures and other venues sanctioned by officers of the club		Start and end dates 01 st 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"> All players, coaches, officials and essential matchday volunteers must undergo a self-assessment for any Covid-19 symptoms. No-one should leave home to participate in football if they, or someone they live with, has any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A high temperature (above 37.8°C); A new, continuous cough; A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste. 	Moderate
Travelling to matches which could lead to person to person infection of Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wherever possible participants should travel individually to matches. When this is not possible the following measures should be implemented: <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 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 The driver and all passengers must wear a face covering Consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle When finishing the journey participants should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds or sanitise their hands as soon as possible. 	Moderate
Before the match person to person infection of Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideally players should arrive in playing kit and put boots on at the side of the pitch; In practice it is recognised that this will not always be practical so the following measures should be observed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players should wash or sanitise their hands before entering changing rooms and on leaving Players should use changing rooms in small groups When changed players should exit changing room promptly Warm ups should always observe social distancing. Team talks should take place at the side of the pitch with participants observing social distancing. The pre-match handshake is not to take place. 	Moderate
During the match contraction of Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone should refrain from spitting. If you need to sneeze or cough, you are encouraged to do so into a tissue or upper sleeve and advised to avoid touching your face. Ensure any tissues are disposed of in a sealed bin as soon as possible. Set pieces, i.e. corners, throws, free kicks etc. should take place promptly to avoid participants being in close contact for longer than is necessary. Whenever possible avoid touching hard surfaces, e.g. goalposts, corner flags, pitch perimeter fencing etc. Goal celebrations should be avoided or at least socially distanced 	Moderate



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During the match contraction of Covid-19 virus through sharing drink bottles	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants should bring with them their own named water bottles and named hand sanitiser, ideally contained in a clearly identifiable bag. They must not share their drink with anyone else. 	Low
Contraction of Covid-19 virus through common touchpoints on equipment	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before and after matches and at half time an appointed club volunteer will clean goalposts, corner flag poles and match balls with disinfectant wipes. During breaks in play a club volunteer should be available to clean the match ball with disinfectant wipes at the request of a match official; Spare match balls which have already been disinfected should be available to speed up this process. 	Moderate
During the match person to person infection of Covid-19 virus at half time	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half time team talks should take place at the side of the pitch with social distancing observed. 	Low
Person to person infection of Covid-19 virus whilst administering first aid	Illness, potentially severe or a player does not receive effective treatment for an injury resulting in harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whenever possible a player should treat themselves with assistance from a first aider. The first aider should wear a face covering and disposable gloves. Wherever possible the injured person should face away from the first aider. If CPR is required, the latest guidance indicates that a covering should be placed loosely over the casualty's mouth and nose and no rescue breaths are to be administered. 	Low
Post-match person to person infection of Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-match team talks should take place at the side of the pitch at a social distance. Ideally players should travel home in their match kit; In practice it is recognised that this will not always be practical so the following measures should be observed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to changing rooms should be in small groups to enable social distancing. Match kit should be deposited in a bin liner, or similar, as directed by the manager or person responsible for washing the kit. Players should wash their hands, or use hand sanitiser, before operating shower controls. 	Moderate
Post-match infection of Covid-19 virus as a result of washing match kit	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideally players should wash their own kit, in practice it is recognised that this is unlikely to be feasible so the following measures should be observed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The person identified as having responsibility for washing the kit should take the bin liner containing the used kit and place into a kit bag for transportation. If possible the kit should be tipped into a washing machine with the minimal amount of contact required. Following handling kit hands should be washed thoroughly. 	Low

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A person develops Covid-19 symptoms during a match	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a player, coach, match or club official becomes symptomatic during a match they should immediately remove themselves from the match and return home as soon as possible. NHS guidance on further management of symptoms should be followed. 	Moderate
Person to person infection of Covid-19 virus whilst spectating	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Until further notice is received no paying spectators are to be admitted to the ground. Any non-participants at the match, (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. 	Low
A player or coach feeling obligated to participate in a match yet having fear of contracting Covid-19 virus	Mental or emotional distress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club and coaches should ensure that participants are aware that each player will need to decide when to return to contact football, based on their own circumstances and the arrangements that have been put in place for a safe return. This is particularly the case for players from BAME communities or those with underlying health conditions. Future opportunities within a team should not be in jeopardy through not playing from the resumption of football activities. 	Low
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"> A record of everyone attending a match should be kept. 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. 	Moderate
The referee is required to remove players from the pitch in an unplanned manner, e.g. thunderstorm, players and officials may be at risk of person to person infection of Covid-19 virus	Illness, potentially severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> One team could shelter in the dressing room area ensuring all available spaces are used to meet social distancing. The other team could shelter in the clubhouse, preferably in the foyer and bar areas as the dancefloor section could pose a slip hazard. The match officials should assess the situation and shelter where most appropriate. Non-participants present can shelter at the dancefloor end of the clubhouse, again ensuring social distancing is maintained with groups limited to six. 	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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Name of club official : Position held: Email :	Signature	Date

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

Name	Position held	Signature	Date