



**NEWARK TOWN FC**  
**VISITING TEAM MATCH DAY PROCEDURE**  
**Mandatory from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

We want to welcome you to our club and hope you and your players feel safe and are still able to enjoy your games.

When it comes to football here at Newark Town FC and whatever your personal thoughts are on the Covid-19 pandemic, we do not have a choice but to follow the FA and Government guidelines. To ensure we can continue to play football, we must do everything we can to reduce the risk of an outbreak.

The FA, Leagues and local council have the power to stop play, and more importantly, we have a duty of care to everyone we meet at Devon Park, which is a public space.

We have worked hard to come up with a robust strategy for the club to cover all eventualities and to also interpret the guidelines from the FA and the Government in the best way possible. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions, we are all learning the new 'normal'!

For all match day activities held at Devon Park, our managers will follow the procedures as set out in this document. We hope you will do the same and will confirm that you have an up to date contact tracing record and self-screening declaration completed on the day of the match.

**At least 7 days before the match takes place please ensure you have sent your club risk assessment to our manager. Our risk assessment and procedures are on the website <https://www.newarktownfc.com/a/covid-19-policies-and-procedures-60247.html> . You will be required to confirm that you have an up to date contact tracing system for all visiting players, spectators and coaching staff and that the self-screening declaration has been completed on the day of the match for all players.**

**General Notes:**

- The pavilion toilets are open.
- There is a strict one in, one out provision using the one-way system through the main door, then out of the fire exit door at the end of the corridor. **Children must always be accompanied by an adult.**
- Hand dryers are out of use, paper towels and soap dispensers are in place.
- Some toilet cubicles and sinks will be out of use to limit numbers and close contact in the toilets.
- Changing rooms and official rooms will remain locked. Players and referees are to come match ready. Changing rooms will remain closed unless they are needed for safeguarding reasons or for players with additional needs. A room can be made available.
- Refreshments are available from the left hand door of the pavilion. If you can wear a face covering and pay with card / contactless please do.
- The pavilion is completely "Covid-ready" with plenty of sanitising stations and signage around the building. Please see the images below and treat all this new equipment with respect.
- We have a **NO SMOKING PITCH SIDE** policy at all home games. Please find an area well away from the children playing football to smoke or vape.



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**CHANGING AREA ENTRANCE**



**Sanitising station on the inside of the door**

**LADIES TOILET (2 toilets will be in use, left and right, and 1 wash hand basin near the wall)**



**Soap dispenser and blue hand towel dispenser**

**DISABLED TOILET**

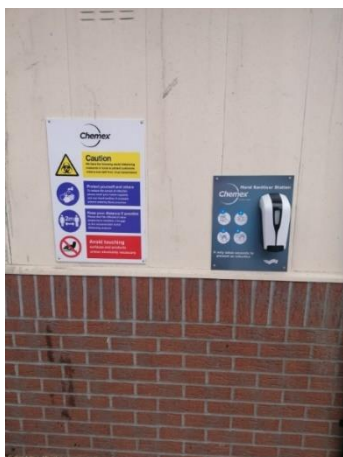


**Soap Dispensers & blue hand towel dispensers**

**MENS TOILET (2 urinals will be in use, along with 1 sink, 1 cubical)**



**MAIN PAVILION ENTRANCE**



**Hand sanitiser dispenser**





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**Match day will run as follows.**

- Please make sure you have visited our website and reviewed our risk assessment, policies and procedures. This includes a map layout of the pitch you will play on and where team bubbles are located along with where both sets of parents will stand. You will be informed of the pitch number you will be playing on.
- Each family has its own side-line bubble 2m apart. (For example, both teams have 9 players so 9 bubbles in each half 2m apart). Hatched lines mark 2m gaps on the side-lines.
- Traveling players in one car MUST all wear a face covering travelling (following Government guidelines on car sharing)
- All players to be self-screened in the morning prior to arrival and signed.
- ALL spectators and players must sanitise hands between leaving their car and arrival to pitch. Spectators will go directly to their bubble. Players to go directly to their manager maintaining social distancing from others in the area.
- Hand sanitiser (each player to have their own) drink, medication and any personal items named and kept within the team bubble.
- 2-4 sanitised balls provided by home team for the match
- Game to played 4 quarters to allow change of ball, hands sanitised and drink in players safe zones.
- Team bubbles will have a marked area to keep a safe distance from the public and teams mixing off the pitch within each team bubble will keep a safe distance from opposing teams.
- We will ensure an insured and qualified ref has been booked. (for younger teams' parents can ref, provided they follow hygiene procedures and do not share equipment, whistles etc)
- NO GUM NO SPITTING (or squirting water bottles at anyone)
- No contact goal celebrations
- No team handshakes but clap towards each other.
- If the game has subs, they must be social distanced on side-line.
- Respect barrier between pitch and parents 2m away from pitch line.
- Ball out of play. No one to touch with hands. Kicking the ball back onto the pitch is acceptable. If a ball is picked up by anyone but the player a new sanitised ball will be thrown into play by the home manager. Please make your parents aware.

***There are a lot of don't do's but please do enjoy playing your match, do feel welcome, do know we are all in this together!***