

The following covers the Verwood Town FC Risk assessment regarding resumption of training and competitive football for Verwood Town FC operating in the National League System.

We are forming a Covid Group of nominated individuals to cover the implementation for the club and will also update this document in line with changing legislation such as the return of spectators.

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The following Likelihood and Severity levels are used to determine the overall risk

For anything which is initially considered a Medium or High Risk, control measures are required to reduce risk level to Low.

		Severity Factor				
		1	2	3	4	5
Likelihood of incident occurring	Very unlikely to happen (1)	1	2	3	4	5
	Unlikely to happen (2)	2	4	6	8	10
	Possible (3)	3	6	9	12	15
	Likely to happen (4)	4	8	12	16	20
	Very likely to happen (5)	5	10	15	20	25

Risk Factor	Risk Rating	Initial Assessment
1 to 5	Low	Insignificant risk
6 to 12	Medium	Significant risk - Action Required
13 to 25	High	Major risk - Immediate Action Required

Hazard Type	Who affected?	What is the hazard?	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Risk level	Control Measures	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Risk Level Following Control Measures
<b>TRAINING</b>											
Transmission of infection between people	Players, coaches	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	3	4	12	Medium	Compliance with latest FA guidelines for Training: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to arrive individually</li> <li>- to arrive changed ready to commence training</li> <li>- to bring own bottled water</li> <li>- to bring towel</li> <li>- Disinfect equipment prior to and after use</li> <li>- No congregation after training</li> </ul>	1	4	4	Low
Symptoms during training	Players, coaches	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling and through droplets on surfaces)	2	4	8	Medium	All participants notified that, during training, should they develop any Covid-19 symptoms they must: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inform the coach and leave the session immediately.</li> <li>- Follow the government guidance on self-isolation and testing.</li> </ul> <p>Symptoms as per NHS Guidance are: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)</li> <li>- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)</li> <li>- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal</li> </ul>	1	4	4	Low
Transmission from surfaces (All indoor and	Players, coaches	Contraction of COVID-19 (through droplets on surfaces)	3	4	12	Medium	- Coaches only to set out, and put away equipment	1	4	4	Low

outdoor spaces and equipment)							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coaches/Responsible person to wash hands prior to opening and closing gate and to wash handle/lock afterwards</li> <li>- Changing Rooms and toilets to remain closed</li> <li>- Coach to wash equipment before and after each session</li> <li>- Hand sanitising stations available at entrance and exit points</li> <li>- Players to bring limited personal equipment to training and all such items kept in individuals designated space and not to be touched by anyone else.</li> <li>- All players must have their own water bottles which are to be clearly named and must not be shared</li> <li>- Minimise contact of any equipment by individuals</li> </ul>				
<b>TRAINING/MATCHES</b>											
Household or Social Bubble member of coach/player with symptoms	Players, coaches	Household or Social Bubble member of coach/player contracts COVID19 or is advised to self-isolate	2	4	8	Medium	All to be made aware that if any Household or Social Bubble member of any coach, player displays the symptoms, they are not to attend training or matches, and should follow government guidelines for self-isolation.	1	4	4	Low
Risk of infection following injury	Players, coaches	Injury, illness through physical contact	2	4	8	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Physio and First aiders to wear PPE and avoid touching where possible</li> <li>- Coaches should only get involved if the situation is limb or life threatening, and with appropriate protection - gloves, face mask.</li> </ul>	1	4	4	Low
Travel to the venue	Players Coaches Club Officials Match Officials	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	3	4	12	Medium	<p>Government guidelines encourage travel by own car or other means such as walking or cycling. Players must not car share outside their household or social bubble unless unavoidable.</p> <p>Should the above be unavoidable, take precautionary actions to mitigate likelihood of infection e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open windows for ventilation.</li> <li>- Face away from each other.</li> <li>- Clean the car between journeys</li> <li>- Ask the driver and passengers to wear a face covering</li> <li>- Consider seating arrangements</li> </ul>	1	4	4	Low

							- Require regular hand sanitisation -				
Arrival at Venue	Players Coaches Club Officials Match Officials	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	3	4	12	Medium	<p>Prior to travelling, all Staff, Volunteers, Management, Physios, Coaches and Players to self-assess for any Covid-19 symptoms in line with NHS Guidance, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)</li> <li>- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)</li> <li>- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal</li> </ul> <p>Should anyone suspect that they have symptoms, live in a household with possible or actual COVID-19 infection, or have been in contact within anyone that is or have been asked to self-isolate do not attend and stay at home following Government guidelines</p> <p>Those that do attend will ensure that their contact details are available to be recorded and confirm that they have undertaken a self-assessment</p> <p>We are unable to provide socially distanced hospitality within our facilities.</p> <p>-</p>	3	4	4	Low
<b>Additional Match Day Risks</b>											
Changing Rooms (Home matches)	Players Coaches Club Officials Match Officials	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	3	4	12	Medium	Changing rooms are a confined indoor space which represents a higher risk of virus transmission. Additional rooms will be made available to extend the space available.	1	4	4	Low

							<p>As far as possible, Social Distancing should be maintained within the changing room environment and consideration given to using Face coverings whilst in these more confined spaces</p> <p>All individuals must thoroughly wash their hands immediately on entering or leaving the changing rooms. Hot water, soap and paper towels will be provided and must be properly disposed of Anti-bacterial wipes and or cleaner will be provided</p>				
Team Sheets	Coaches Club Officials Match Officials	Contraction of COVID-19 (through droplets on surfaces)	2	4	8	Medium	<p>Hard copy Team Sheets will not be passed to the opposition, Match Officials or Club Officials Electronic and / or Photos of the Team Sheet will be used to exchange team sheets wherever possible</p>	1	4	4	Low
Warm-Ups	Players Coaches Match Officials	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling and through droplets on surfaces)	2	4	8	Medium	<p>Warm-Up will only take place in the clearly marked and segregated areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participants should wash their hands before, during (where appropriate) and after Warm-ups</li> <li>- No sharing of equipment</li> <li>- All equipment and balls used will be cleaned and sanitised before, after and during breaks in sessions</li> <li>- If Bibs are used during the Warm-ups, they must not be shared. Personal warm-up kit and personal equipment must be taken home and thoroughly cleaned.</li> </ul> <p>Everyone is responsible for the provision and cleaning of their own warm up kit and equipment, which must be thoroughly cleaned before, after and (where appropriate) during each warm-up</p>	1	4	4	Low
Pitch Entry/Exit	Players Coaches Match Officials	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	2	4	8	Medium	<p>There will be staggered socially distanced entry to the pitch before the game for Players, Management, Coaches and Physios arranged in agreement with the Match Officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No queueing side by side with the opposition</li> <li>- Hands should be sanitised on entering or leaving the pitch</li> <li>- There will be no team huddles before the match</li> </ul>	1	4	4	Low

Dugouts/Technical Areas	Players Coaches	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	3	4	12	Medium	All occupants of the Technical Areas and Dugouts MUST remain socially distanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Additional seating will be provided to comply with Social distancing</li> <li>- Substitute bibs for individual use only and not be shared. Nobody should use a bib that has already been used by another player.</li> <li>- There will be no communal drinks or refreshments. All Players and occupants of the Technical Areas and Dugouts should have their own clearly labelled drinks which should not be shared.</li> </ul>	1	4	4	Low
During Match	Players Coaches	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	3	4	12	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avoid being Face to face as much as possible</li> <li>- All interactions with other players and officials must be socially distanced where possible</li> <li>- No spitting or mouth rinsing</li> <li>- Cough or Sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue and dispose of it appropriately</li> <li>- Goalkeepers to disinfect their gloves regularly where possible</li> <li>- Match balls to be disinfected Before, after and during any breaks in play or in the technical area when they have been used and replaced in the match.</li> <li>- There must be no sock tape or litter left in the dugouts or on the pitch. Whatever you take onto the pitch, take it away again and dispose of it in an appropriate bin.</li> <li>- Goalposts and Corner Flags should be wiped down with disinfectant at half time</li> </ul>	1	4	4	Low
Post-Match	Players Coaches Match Officials	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	2	4	8	Medium	At the end of the game, always remain Socially distanced both on and off the pitch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Place all match kit in appropriate bags Take all personal items out of the changing rooms</li> <li>- Do not leave any litter, empty bottles, sock tape or anything else on the floors or benches</li> <li>- Wipe down any surfaces you may have touched</li> </ul>	1	4	4	Low

							We are unable to provide socially distanced hospitality within our facilities so alternate COVID-19 compliant venue will be used.				
Match day refreshments	All Attendees at ground	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	2	4	8	Medium	<p>Appropriate PPE worn by all people serving refreshments</p> <p>Regular hand sensitisation by all people taking and exchanging monies for payment.</p> <p>Signage on display reminding spectators of social distancing.</p> <p>Control measures in place to minimise interaction and ensure social distancing is maintained.</p> <p>Reduce number of people allowed within 'tea cabin' to ensure social distancing in place.</p>	1	4	4	Low
Temperature checking	All players and Officials	Contraction of COVID-19	2	4	8	Medium	Prior to entry in changing room all players and officials to have their temperature checked	1	4	4	Low
Entry to Ground (Spectators)	All Spectators	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling) and exchange of money.	2	4	8	Medium	<p>Control measures in place to minimise interaction and ensure social distancing is maintained whilst queuing.</p> <p>People taking monies for monies (within pay booth) will be behind protective screen.</p> <p>Regular hand sensitisation by all people taking and exchanging monies for payment.</p> <p>Separated socially distanced Exit lane.</p>	1	4	4	Low
Spectators watching match	All Spectators	Contraction of COVID-19 (via physical interaction, coughing, sneezing, and exhaling)	2	4	8	Medium	<p>Social distancing markings in place at critical points.</p> <p>Signage on display reminding spectators of social distancing.</p> <p>Reduced seating capacity to ensure social distancing can be minimised.</p> <p>Appropriate PPE worn at gate entry for processing spectators as they arrive.</p>	1	4	4	Low

							Controlling number of spectators to ensure do not exceed ground capacity.				
Track and Trace (Teams)	Match Officials, Coaches, Club Officials, Playing Staff	Contraction of COVID-19 reduction through support of NHS Track and Trace	2	4	8	Medium	<p>To support NHS Track and Trace, and to reduce the chances of virus transmission, we would ask :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Match Officials to confirm contact details on arrival at the ground and confirm that they have self-assessed against the FA Covid-19 Self-Assessment Checklist and are NEGATIVE AT THE TIME OF ARRIVAL</li> <li>- Team Management (Coaches, Club Officials) to confirm names and contact numbers of all participating. A 'Lead Contact' name may be used together with the number in group</li> </ul>	1	4	4	Low
Track and Trace (Spectators)	Spectators, (inc. Club Committee, Ground Staff)	Contraction of COVID-19 reduction through support of NHS Track and Trace	2	4	8	Medium	<p>To support NHS Track and Trace, and to reduce the chances of virus transmission, we would ask :-</p> <p>Spectators to provide Name and Contact details prior to entry to ground. A 'lead contact' details may be used together with the number in group if arriving as part of a group.</p>	1	4	4	Low