

Date:	12 August 2020												
Assessors Name:	Katherine Norris			Reference Number:					Review Date:	Ongoing – as per Government, FA and National League updates			
Endorsed By:	Pete Thompson			Signature:				Position:	Director / Covid-19 Officer		Date:		
Description of assessment	Coronavirus (COVID-19)												
Location Details	Chorley Football Club Victory Park Duke Street Chorley PR7 3DU												

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		COVID 19 General Training	Players, Coaches. Managers, Club officials	5	3					15	H	<p>Anyone who meets one of the following criteria must follow Government guidelines on Self Isolation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a high temperature ($\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$) Loss/change is taste or smell Has a new or persistent cough. Is a vulnerable person by virtue of their age, underlying health condition. Employees will be told to self-isolate for 14 days or as per current Government guidelines should they find they have a new, persistent cough and/or a high temperature. If they disclose that persons living with them are self-isolating they should 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature check Player/Staff Covid questionnaire

						be encouraged to do the same for 14 days or as per current Government guidance.									
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COVID 19 Someone showing symptoms	Players, coaches, Managers, club officials					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return home immediately Avoid touching anything Cough or sneeze into a tissue and but into a bin or if they do not have a tissue to cough or sneeze into the crook of their arm. They must follow the guidance on self-isolation and not return to the Club until their period of self-isolation has been completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If symptoms are checked at the start of a session rather than in advance, this should be completed on arrival before the player mixes with others, so that if they have symptoms there is no chance of others being affected 								
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Catching / Spreading	Players, coaches. Managers, club officials	5	3	15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities will contain suitable levels of soap and antibacterial gel. Employees will be asked to wash hands with soap regularly and thoroughly, for at least 20 seconds. Contact with persons suspected of having caught COVID-19 will be avoided. A cleaning schedule will be implemented throughout the site, ensuring that work surfaces, door handles, taps etc. are all thoroughly cleaned with an antibacterial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check process in place: towels, hand sanitiser Cleaning process in place: high risk areas, bathrooms, changing rooms, 	Players, Coaches, Managers, Club Officials Ground Staff, Covid-19 Officer	Ongoing	5	1	5	M

						<p>cleaning substance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following activity, players must refrain from any contact. The evidence is that transmission during training or matches is minimal in comparison to social interactions over a prolonged time, hence the need to be vigilant on players not having social contact pre or post activity. Contact with personnel suspected of being infected with COVID-19 will be avoided. 									
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		Changing rooms	Players, coaches. Managers, club officials	5	3					15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing rooms should be used for changing and showering only and done so as quickly as possible. Usage to be staggered to minimise numbers. Home team make provisions of priority access for the away team. Observe social distancing, again, minimising numbers. For example, only the manager and starting 11. Indoor spaces need to have maximum ventilation as possible (such as opening windows and doors). Players should bring their own personal water bottle for training and matches, which should be clearly labelled, and the use of communal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process for regular cleaning of changing room & shower facilities Signage for one-way system

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> water bottles must be discouraged. Players should arrive ready changed where possible and bring spare clothes to travel home (or if they choose, travel home in the kit they have used). All personnel should avoid touching hard surfaces and other potential sources of infection, such as taps and door handles. 								
Travel	Players, coaches. Managers, club officials	5	3	15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All personnel should consider all other forms of transport before using public transport. Players must not car-share outside their household or social bubble unless unavoidable For away games it is encouraged that clubs make arrangements for players to travel independently as above. clubs absolutely need to utilise coach travel or if participants have to travel with people outside of their household or support bubble for matches or away games they and the club should try to: <ol 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 between journeys using standard cleaning products - including door handles and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checks in place to monitor Car parking available Process in place for cleaning of coach. 	Players, Coaches, Managers, Club Officials Ground Staff, Covid-19 Officer	Ongoing	5	1	5	M

					<p>other areas that people may touch;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Ask the driver and passengers to wear a face covering as well as yourself; 7. Consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle – this may mean using more than one coach or minibus, for example, if at all possible; 8. Wear face coverings on coaches or minibuses; 9. Require regular hand sanitisation by passengers on a coach or minibus; 10. Limit the time spent at garages, petrol stations and motorway services; 11. Keep distance from other people and if possible, pay by contactless; 12. Wash hands for at least 20 seconds or sanitise hands often, and always when exiting or re-entering the vehicle; 13. When finishing the journey participants should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds or sanitise their hands as soon as possible. 								
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Travel plans	Players, coaches. Managers, club officials	5	3	15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will ask all personnel to inform us if they are leaving the country. Check relevant government guidance in line with the area / country that they are visiting. Self-isolation will be enforced in line with the area / country guidance. 		Players, Coaches, Managers, Club Officials Ground Staff, Covid-19 Officer	Ongoing	5	1	5	M
Social distancing in training	Players, coaches. Managers, club officials	5	3	15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training can take place for all participants, in an outdoor setting provided this takes place in groups of no more than 30 (including coaches). Hygiene facilities must be provided, and the sharing of equipment is discouraged In outdoor competitive training and matches, physical contact is allowed, but for all other activity (e.g. warm-ups/cool-downs) the Government guidance on social distancing should be observed. 	Club must support NHS Test and trace efforts by collecting name and contact information on participants at both training and matches.	Players, Coaches, Managers, Club Officials Ground Staff, Covid-19 Officer	Ongoing	5	1	5	M

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Returning to competitive football	Players, coaches. Managers, club officials	5	3	15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FA strongly recommend a phased return to competitive football, with no fixtures taking place before the end of July. During this time competitive training can occur, with groups limited to 30 people including coaches. Competitive matches, including pre-season friendlies, can begin from Saturday, August 1st. The FA and National League are aiming for an October start of competitive matches in the National League System (NLS); however, this is subject to change in accordance with Government guidance and approval for allowing access to paying spectators, which may be published from time to time. NLS (or relevant FA Competition) fixtures are proposed to commence on October 3rd Pre-match handshake should not happen. Instead players will be asked to hand-sanitise before kick-off; Team talk huddles should not take place. Team talks can take place, as long as social distancing is observed and held outdoors where possible; Warm-ups/cool-downs should always observe social distancing; Coaches, other team staff and substitutes are allowed, but must also always observe social distancing on touchlines/dug-outs. Social-distancing must also be observed during interactions when a substitution is being made; Match preparation meetings by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor FA and National league guidelines for updates Spectators MUST NOT be permitted entry to the ground for any match, until written authorisation received from the FA and the National League When spectators are permitted, the club must support NHS Test and trace efforts by collecting name and contact information. 	Players, Coaches, Managers, Club Officials Ground Staff, Covid-19 Officer	Ongoing	5	1	5	M

					<p>officials should be held by video call;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set plays – free kicks: referees and coaches should encourage players to get on with the game and not unnecessarily prolong set play set-up, such as defensive walls• Set plays – corners should also be taken promptly to limit prolonged close marking and goal posts should be wiped down before matches, after matches and at half time• Goal celebrations, especially if they involve physical contact, should be avoided• Interactions with referees and match assistants should only happen with players observing social distancing;• Small-sided football should be modified to provide more regular hygiene breaks in activity. Players should be discouraged from touching boards at any time, with tackling against boards discouraged. Referees should consider stopping play when this happens.• All participants must remain socially distanced during breaks in play, with spaced areas for equipment and refreshment storage for each individual including officials and substitutes. Coaching staff and substitutes, should, for example, spread out and avoid sharing a dug out or bench if social distancing cannot be observed. Players and officials should also observe social distancing during sin-bin instances.• Water bottles or other refreshment containers should in no circumstances be shared.							
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					<p>Participants are advised to bring their own drinks or refreshments, in a named container.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After activity participants must maintain government mandated social distancing for social interaction. This includes in changing rooms, showers, and clubhouse.• The nature of football means that the ball is not frequently handled. When the ball goes out of play it should not be retrieved by non-participants and should be retrieved using the feet rather than the hands where possible. Where there are breaks in the game, or training, if throw-ins or handling has occurred the ball should be disinfected• There is an additional risk of infection in close proximity situations where people are shouting or conversing loudly. This particularly applies indoors (e.g. inside clubhouses) and when face to face. If possible, players should therefore avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each other during, before and after games• 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.• Ensure that warm-up areas provide sufficient distance between the Home and Away teams and a provision of an area for match officials. Clearly mark areas and/or communicated.							
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Use of equipment	Players, coaches. Managers, club officials	5	3	15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sharing of equipment must be avoided where possible. Where equipment is shared, equipment must be cleaned before use by another person. Equipment (balls, bibs, cones, goalposts etc.) must be regularly wiped down with appropriate cleaning equipment and cleaned thoroughly cleaned after every session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process for regular cleaning of equipment 				5	1	5	M
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		Medics	First aider, physio, S&C	5	3					15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the FA First Aid Guidance First-aider or other medical personnel present should be equipped with the appropriate PPE (including face coverings) to protect themselves and others if they need to compromise social-distancing guidelines to provide medical assistance. After contact with an injured participant, the person who has administered first aid should clean their hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol hand sanitiser at the earliest opportunity. Physios or their equivalent or anyone who is administering any form of treatment, should keep a record of each participant they have come into contact with for NHS test and trace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process in place to check Medics understanding of FA Guidance.

						<p>purposes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a participant becomes Covid-19 symptomatic during the activity, they should immediately remove themselves from the session and return home as soon as possible. NHS guidance on further management of symptoms should be followed. 							
Match officials- socially distancing	Match officials, players	5	3	15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match officials should observe The FA's guidance in the same way as participants are required Travel: Match officials will travel independently in accordance with transport guidance. Sufficient car parking is reserved for match officials. Team sheets: Physical team sheets should not be shared between the officials or opposition where possible. This can be sent electronically via photo or e-mail if required. Respect hand shake: The Respect hand shake pre match is suspended until further notice. Tunnel management: Teams will not enter the field of play collectively. The teams will stagger their arrival onto the pitch and this will be pre-agreed with the match officials. Match official payment: arrangements should be made for the payment to be paid electronically. 				5	1	5	M

Spectators		5	3	15	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporters, parents, and other spectators should remain socially distanced whilst attending events. • A cleaning schedule will be implemented throughout the site, ensuring that work surfaces, door handles, taps etc. are all thoroughly cleaned with an antibacterial cleaning substance. • Hand-sanitiser stations will be provided • Employees and others will be told to self-isolate for 14 days or as per current Government guidance if they have a new, persistent cough and/or a high temperature or disclose that persons living with them are self-isolating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor FA and National League guidelines for updates • Spectators MUST NOT be permitted entry for any match, until authorised by the FA and the National League • When spectators are permitted, the club must support NHS Test and trace efforts by collecting name and contact information. • Management of paying spectators will be detailed in a separate document: 			5	1	5	M
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Guidance Notes

SEVERITY	
5	Fatality – Very High Risk
4	Severe incapacity – High Risk
3	Absent 3 weeks – Medium Risk
2	Absent less than 1 day – Low Risk
1	Insignificant – Low Risk

1–4 LOW	5–9 MEDIUM	10–15 HIGH	16–25 VERY HIGH
Continue with existing control, however monitor for changes. Implement any additional control measures required, within the timescales given in the risk assessment.	Requires attention to reduce the rating as well as regular ongoing monitoring. Implement any additional control measures required, within the timescales given in the risk assessment.	Requires immediate attention to bring the risk down to an acceptable level. Implement the control measures required, within the timescales given in the risk assessment and continue to review working practices to reduce the probability of an accident to the lowest possible level.	Stop immediately – the risk is too high. Take immediate action to reduce the risk to the lowest level possible.

Additional comments:

1. This risk assessment needs to be discussed with employees to ensure their compliance with and understanding of all control measures
2. Employees are to sign a sheet acknowledging their understanding of this risk assessment and consent to any procedures detailed therein
3. The risk assessment is to be reviewed on an ongoing basis in order to incorporate any changes in rules and guidelines
4. This risk assessment must be approved by the nominated Covid-19 Officer before being issued as a live document

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Assessor 2 name:		Signature:		Date:	
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