



## Whitley Bay Football Club

### Match Day Covid-19 Action Plan & Guidance

Date: 12/08/2020

Area	Scenario	Action Plan & guidance
Entry to ground	Behind closed doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No spectators will be allowed in.</li><li>• Those allowed in will be involved in the game, officials of the two clubs and agreed volunteers supporting the game.</li><li>• The only entrance and exit to and from the ground will be via the main gate situated on Rink Way. If a queue exists when you arrive please adhere to 2-meter social distancing</li><li>• To stagger entrants to the ground, the home team will be asked to arrive between 60 minutes and 45 mins before kick-off, and the away team and match officials between 45 mins and 30 mins before kick-off.</li><li>• In line with current government guidance all entrants will be asked their names and to confirm they have no signs of Covid-19 or living in a household where there is a possible Covid-19 infection.</li><li>• All entrants will be directed to a hand sanitising station. From here players and officials will be directed to the areas allocated to their team. Signage of where to go will also be on show.</li><li>• The gates will be locked during the game, but volunteers will allow in any latecomers who are entitled to enter.</li></ul>

	With Spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access will be via the turnstiles on Rink Way.</li> <li>• The turnstiles will open approximately 2 hours before kick-off.</li> <li>• As queues are likely to form, we would ask you to arrive in good time for the start of the game.</li> <li>• Marked queueing will be in place. If large queues form these will be managed by a volunteer.</li> <li>• Signage asking people to adhere to safe social distancing will be displayed.</li> <li>• The gatekeepers will be wearing PPE. Social distancing should be maintained as much as possible by those entering.</li> <li>• In line with current government guidance all entrants will be asked their names, contact details, and to confirm they have no signs of Covid-19 or are living in a household where there is a possible Covid-19 infection.</li> <li>• Track and trace documents will be securely stored and if not required for official tracking purposes they will be destroyed after 21 days.</li> <li>• The gate continues to accept cash only. Having the right money will help speed up things and minimise risk to all.</li> <li>• All entrants will be directed to a hand sanitising station on entry.</li> <li>• Programmes are not currently being sold.</li> </ul>
<b>Ticketing</b>	With Spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently there are no plans to pre-sale any single match tickets.</li> <li>• Season tickets give improved value for money and are available for purchase from Peter Siddle <a href="mailto:peter.siddle@virgin.net">peter.siddle@virgin.net</a> or Jennifer Breakwell <a href="mailto:jen.ab@hotmail.co.uk">jen.ab@hotmail.co.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>Travel &amp; Parking</b>	Behind closed doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All players and other club officials should follow best practice for travel, arriving using their own personal car or by other means if viable such as walking or bike.</li> <li>• People from a household or support bubble can travel together in a vehicle. Players travelling by car with others outside their household or social bubble should only be done as a last resort and after consulting with management regarding alternatives or how to minimise risks. Ideally public transport should not be considered.</li> <li>• No onsite parking is currently being made available, so players and officials are asked to park using Hillheads Road Car Park or in the streets close to the ground.</li> </ul>

	With spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No onsite parking is currently available. Players and officials are asked to park in Hillheads Road Car Park next to the ground.</li> <li>• For those looking for general parking there is Hillheads Road Car Park which can be found by turning first right when entering Rink Way. The turning is narrow and before the Scout Hut and ground.</li> <li>• Parking on Rink Way itself is extremely limited and parking directly adjacent and opposite to the turnstiles will be discouraged as this could lead to safe social distancing being compromised.</li> <li>• There is street parking in the vicinity of the ground, but we would ask that you park considerately.</li> </ul>
<b>Spectating areas</b>	Behind closed doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No spectators are allowed. The few volunteers and club officials all have a role around the ground prior to and/or during the match. With so few people in attendance there is plenty of space for safe social distancing. No seating is available currently.</li> <li>• Those attending should take responsibility to follow government guidelines on safe social distancing.</li> </ul>
	With spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the size of the ground, maintaining social distancing and avoiding congestion should not be a problem within the terracing.</li> <li>• Within the stand where there is covered seating there will be limited seats available to ensure safe social distancing. Priority will be given to those who need to sit such as the elderly and disabled.</li> <li>• A volunteer will be on hand to manage the seating area.</li> <li>• Those attending should take responsibility to follow government guidelines on safe social distancing.</li> </ul>
<b>The 'Seahorse' Pub</b>	Behind closed doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be no direct access from the ground to the 'Seahorse'.</li> <li>• 'The Seahorse' will be open and can be entered via its front door on Rink Way. Normal Covid-19 hospitality rules apply within it.</li> </ul>

	With spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'Seahorse' will be open and will be accessed from within the ground via a side door to the pub. The entry point will be signposted.</li> <li>• Although a bottleneck there is adequate space outside this door to ensure that people can enter and exit safely. Priority should be given to those leaving the pub so that any queue forming will be outside.</li> <li>• The area within the 'Seahorse' is large and has its own action plan and risk assessments in place for normal trading.</li> <li>• Please be patient while waiting to be served and ensure that safe social distancing is observed.</li> <li>• If the 'Seahorse' is busy a volunteer will direct people entering to the quietest part of the pub to ensure social distancing is maintained.</li> <li>• Items from the bar can be purchased using cash or card.</li> <li>• Once served please move away from the bar to limit congestion.</li> </ul>
<b>Toilets</b>	Behind closed doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toilets and hand washing facilities are open pre-match, during the match and for 30 minutes afterwards.</li> <li>• The toilet and hand washing facilities are available within the away changing room. Access to this is his sign posted. Access to this will be restricted to 2 people at a time so queueing outside for the facilities is likely with 2-meter social distancing rules applying.</li> <li>• Soap, water, hand sanitiser, and paper towels will be available in the toilet facility.</li> </ul>
	With spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are limited toilet facilities within the ground.</li> <li>• Signage will clearly direct people to where the toilet facilities are.</li> <li>• Both male and female toilets will be limited to 3 individuals entering at a time. Marked queueing system will put in place and, if require at busy times, managed by a volunteer.</li> <li>• Hand washing facilities are available within the toilet facilities.</li> <li>• There will be a supply of soap, water, hand sanitiser and paper towels in the toilets. Please ensure used paper towels are placed in the bin provided.</li> </ul>
<b>Half time hospitality</b>	Behind closed doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently there will be no half time hospitality.</li> </ul>
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<b>Catering van</b>	Behind closed doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently not open</li> </ul>
	With spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open as usual.</li> <li>• Queuing is likely at busy times. Please ensure safe social distancing is practiced.</li> <li>• Please move away from the van once you have been served to limit congestion.</li> </ul>
<b>Club shop</b>	Behind closed doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The shop will be closed.</li> </ul>
	With spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club shop will be open with access to one person at a time. Signage at the entrance will explain this.</li> <li>• Following government guidelines anyone entering the shop should wear a face mask.</li> <li>• Items can be purchased using cash or card.</li> </ul>

<b>Players and official's guidance</b>	Behind closed doors and with spectators	<b>Changing rooms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where possible players, officials and coaches should arrive changed and shower at home.</li><li>• The changing rooms are large but social distancing will limit the number of players who can use the changing rooms. Marked changing spaces and staggered changing will be required.</li><li>• Changing rooms to be used for changing only and should be done as quickly as possible. Team meeting etc should be done outside of this environment, including half time.</li><li>• Toilets will be available within the changing rooms.</li><li>• Showers will not be available.</li><li>• Signage reminding the importance of sanitising and socially distancing will be on show.</li><li>• Sanitiser will be available on entry and exit to the changing rooms.</li><li>• Self-awareness of players using the changing rooms to keep areas clear of personal items and to ensure safe social distancing.</li><li>• Use maximum ventilation to the rooms (doors / windows open)</li><li>• There will be a staggered exit onto the pitch for the 2 teams to ensure social distancing in the tunnel.</li><li>• Pre match handshakes will not take place.</li></ul> <b>Equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The sharing of equipment should be avoided where possible, so players and officials should have their own individual drinks / bottles.</li><li>• Where there are natural breaks in the game, the ball will be swapped for one that has been disinfected. Balls thrown back by the crowd should not be played with.</li><li>• A club official will disinfect the balls and goal posts before, during, and after the game.</li></ul> <b>Benches and technical area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The dug outs have limited space and should seat no more than 4 people to ensure safe distancing.</li><li>• Coaches standing in the technical area should also ensure safe social distancing.</li><li>• Additional seating will be supplied outside the dug outs.</li></ul> <b>Medical</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whitley Bay's physio will be wearing appropriate PPE.</li></ul>
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<b>Leaving the ground</b>	Behind closed doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no hospitality drinks or food being provided.</li> <li>• Players and officials leave the ground via the route that they entered.</li> <li>• 'The Seahorse' will be open and can be entered via its front door on Rink Way. Normal Covid-19 hospitality rules apply within it.</li> </ul>
	With supporters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All gates will be opened prior to the end of the game to ensure safe social distancing can be adhered to as people exit</li> <li>• Please ensure safe social distancing is maintained.</li> <li>• 'The Seahorse' will be open and can be entered via the side door or its front door on Rink Way. Normal Covid-19 hospitality rules apply within it.</li> </ul>