

## COVID-19 Specific - Play Area/Outside Gym Risk Assessment

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways and is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. The symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe, or fatal.

This is a draft copy of a **generic Risk Assessment** for dealing with COVID-19. It is not likely to cover all scenarios and each council should consider their own unique circumstances.

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	BHAPC Rec. Committee Comments	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
<p>Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees</li> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Vulnerable groups – elderly, those with existing underlying health conditions</li> <li>• Anyone else who physically comes in contact with the play equipment and/or Outside gym equipment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cleaning</b> Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use. Parents, Guardians and users of the gym equipment should be encouraged to clean the equipment before and after use by way of signage</p> <p><b>Social Distancing</b> Social Distancing - Reducing the number of people to allow a distance of 2 metres, where possible, as recommended by the Public Health Agency <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</a></p> <p><b>Wearing of Face Masks</b> Should be encouraged but would be difficult to police</p>	<p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</a></p> <p>Regular checks should be carried out to ensure strict adherence to the rules otherwise closure has to be considered</p>	<p>B&amp;HA Rec. is a low-usage site in a rural location. Apart from a pre-opening inspection and clean, the onus is on users to clean equipment before use and hands before/during/after using the play area. Signage has been installed throughout the facility to communicate this and other control measures</p> <p>B&amp;HA Rec. is a low-usage site in a rural location. The onus is on users to maintain social distancing by following Government requirements and additional site policy in relation to maximum capacity restrictions and part-closure of swings to facilitate compliance. Signage has been installed throughout the facility to communicate this</p> <p>Face masks are not required in an outdoor setting and could represent a heightened personal safety risk for play area users</p>	<p>Cllr. McCrystal</p> <p>Cllr. McCrystal</p>	<p>25/07/2020</p> <p>25/07/2020</p>	

		<p><b>Signage</b> To advise parents and users that the equipment needs to be sanitised before and after use.</p> <p>Reminder regarding socially distancing.</p> <p>Reminder to wear a mask</p> <p><b>Booking system</b> Instigate a booking system for the equipment – only feasible if the equipment is under total control/supervision of council i.e. an indoor play area</p> <p><b>One Way System</b> Consideration should be given to installing a one way system around the equipment if this is feasible</p> <p><b>Refuse</b> Increase the number of refuse collections (or increase the number of receptacles) to ensure that there are adequate facilities for people to dispose of their litter</p>	<p>Use of a number of “CORONAVIRUS!” Signs to remind users that the virus is still active.</p>	<p>Signage has been installed throughout the facility to communicate these points where relevant</p> <p>B&amp;HA Rec. is a low-usage site in a rural location. Booking system not required at this time</p> <p>B&amp;HA Rec. is a low-usage site in a rural location. One way system not required at this time</p> <p>New site policy (communicated via signage) prohibits the consumption of food and drink within the Recreation Ground. Sufficient waste receptacles are available immediately outside the site</p>	<p>Cllr. McCrystal</p> <p>Cllr. McCrystal</p>	<p>25/07/2020</p> <p>25/07/2020</p>	
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