

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR 1ST ELGIN SCOUT GROUP REGARDING COVID- 19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Use of land and Scout activities

Covid-19 is an illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

Further advice is available on-line: <https://www.scot.gov/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/>
<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.htm>
<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/getting-everyone-back-together-safely/>
<https://nya.org.uk/>

****Please note this is for RED to AMBER only****

There is no use of the hall or any indoor space during this period – not even the hall toilets.

Getting back together safely: The COVID Code

1. A COVID-safe risk assessment has been completed and we have communicated control measures to volunteers, young people and parents and all are encouraged to raise concerns
2. Additional hygiene measures are in place
3. Social Distancing will be observed (check current distance determined by your Government)
4. Maximum group sizes will be limited and determined by scouts.org.uk and members will be consistent where possible
5. Make adjustments for young people and adults vulnerable or affected by COVID, and consult to make sure return plans are accessible and inclusive



Maximum Group size is 15 – 12 young people to 2-3 leaders – NYA rules

Name of Section or Activity	1 st Elgin Scout Group Scouts	Date of risk assessment	20/08/20	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Steven Thomson	COVID-19 readiness level transition	Red to Amber
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What are the Hazards/risks?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Action
Spread of Covid-19	Young people, leaders & helpers	<p><u>Hand Washing & sanitizing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stringent hand sanitizing taking place before and after the meeting. Due to numbers, time, and confined area of porta cabin hand sanitizer is the primary method of hand cleansing. Hand washing facilities available for those who cannot use or have reactions to hand sanitizer. Gel sanitizer will be available on table outside the porta cabin and entrance. Gel sanitizers in any areas where washing facilities are not readily available. Only one toilet will be in use. Hand washing facilities with water and soap and water will be in place Drying hands with paper towels and disposed of in appropriate containers that are emptied after evening. The porta cabins will be well stocked with soap water and paper towels. Only 1 x person only in at a time to use toilet or wash hands. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – follow Catch It-Bin It-Kill It. To avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Everyone to follow rules displayed on appropriate signage on site. 	SL/GSL
		<p><u>Cleaning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, particularly in areas of high use, such as door handles, light switches, water taps, toilet flush handles, using appropriate cleaning products and methods. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings Cleaning materials in place for young people and leaders, to clean all contact surfaces after use. Equipment used during activities will be robustly cleaned down using antibacterial spray and wipes. 	SL
		<p><u>Social Distancing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that there is sufficient space available to allow compliance with the 2mtr (6.5ft) rule for leaders and Scouts https://www.gov.scot/news/social-distancing-guidance-for-business/. The young people and leaders to be reminded regularly of the importance of social distancing (signage & briefed at start of evening). An info sheet outlining procedures will be provided to all parents and guardians before activities resume. 	SL GSL

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance sheet to be filled out on every night. • Entry by main gate only. No parents or guardians allowed on Scouts land unless clearance given by leader in charge. • Exit by bottom gate only. • Restricted access to parking – leaders and disabled only. Parents/Guardians use car park by architects (drop off) and Cedarwood (pickup). • Leaders to be aware of potential pinch points for parents and Scouts. These are the drop & pick up points outside the Scouts land. If there is a gathering of parents, whilst maintaining social distance politely ask them to spread out. Control the departure of the Scouts to avoid buildup of people at the exit gate. • Gates to be shut whilst session in place. • On arrival each young person allocated a cone to stand by within their group bubble. These are spread 2m apart. They will await direction from the group leader. • Only activities that adhere to the current social distancing rules to be carried out. • Each activity will have a separate risk assessment. • Split of groups. Group sizes limited to maximum permitted under Scout regulations (currently 15). This will likely involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts will be split into three groups of 14 (12 Scouts to 2 Adults) • If more than 1 group, activities, will be geographically displaced using top field, top wood & bottom wood. • Young persons with behavioral difficulties where a risk assessment cannot be controlled effectively it may be required to see a 1 2 1 volunteer or parental. The SL is to make the GSL aware. The GSL will contact the parents/guardians and discuss the options with them. The options are most likely either no attendance or attendance with a suitable adult from the young person’s home bubble. If the latter is done the GSL will brief the parent/guardian on COVID procedures. • Groups will not be mixed during activities to ensure they remain in “bubbles” abiding by fixed teams and partnering throughout the event, • Leaders will only be involved in one group for 24hrs • <u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If any adult or young person is showing symptoms like that of CV19 they must not attend any event and isolate • No person to be allowed to attend any event showing and symptoms or been in contact with any positive CV19 person 14 days prior. • An isolation zone must be identified and advised to all Leaders present at the start of every meeting. 	
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Contracting of Legionella Disease, due to porta cabin closures	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flush system at least weekly to simulate use and run taps for 10 minutes. • Buildings that are temporarily shut down (mothballed) should follow the guidance in HSG274 Part 2 paragraphs 2.50-2.52 • Marked on check sheet in porta cabin. • Cabins presently in daily use. 	SL/GSL
Adverse Weather	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse weather could result in hypo/hyperthermia. Leaders to make the decision if the session will go ahead or continue before activity start. • SL to check weather forecast pre event. • Have a robust recall procedure for parents if weather worsens. 	SL
Vulnerable or Shielding People	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently vulnerable people on the OSM Scouts register and leaders are aware of the individual’s specific issues that require shielding. • Any leaders who are shielding, living with someone shielding or career involves them working with the vulnerable are to inform the GSL and discuss the options. • Meeting invites will state clearly that any parents who have concerns over the vulnerability of their child (or vulnerability over parent helpers/leaders as applicable) should make this known to the leaders. • An assessment will then be made and recorded over whether this person could/should be included in the activity or if the activity needs to be modified to accommodate the situation. • It is likely that any vulnerable or shielding people will be asked not to participate in face to face meetings to reduce the risk to them. This will be in consultation with the parents or guardians of the young person. 	SL

Incident Management	Young people, leaders, and helper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealt with dynamically based upon the situation. • Minor injuries will be dealt with using first aid with a follow up call to the parents as required. • Serious injuries will be dealt with by the emergency services. • In all cases the activities will cease, and all will socially distance at a separate location from the casualty. One Leader will manage the other participants whilst First Aid is administered to the casualty. • If a first aid kit is required, the COVID first aid kit is to be used (marked). This contains a Visor, masks, gloves and the usual contents. If used the GSL is to be informed. • GSL, at the least, should be informed, but it may be sufficient for a statement that TSA Emergency/Accident procedures should be followed in line with the Purple Card. • If practical and time permitting, face masks will be worn whilst treating casualties, gloves should also be worn as part of extant first aid procedures • First aid kits equipped with supply of disposable masks and gloves 	SL
Disclosures and Safeguarding & safety	Leaders and helpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All leaders and helpers must have in-date PVG, safeguarding, safety and First Aid training. • A final check of completion of appropriate training and clearances will be undertaken by the GSL prior to commencement of Face to Face activities, anyone not having completed the appropriate training will not be allowed to interact with the Young People. 	TA/GSL

Checked by Line Manager	Name, A .Govier Role / level GSL Date	Checked by Executive	Name, N Hagen Role / level Chairman Date
Approved by Commissioner	Name, D Mcphee Role / level District Commissioner Date		
Notification of level change	Date and by who		

Checklist

1. Is weather suitable?
2. Names (young people and leaders) for night allocated
3. All young person taking part have parent consent to attend
4. Cones in place
5. Table with hand sanitizer in place at entrance and porta cabin
6. Toilets cleaned & prepared pre event
7. Kitchen cleaned & prepared pre event
8. Equipment wiped down
9. Risk assessment raised with GSL for activity
10. Leader at main gate and directs young person to cones
11. Leader takes attendance sheet and keeps copy safe
12. Young people briefed
13. Gates shut after last arrival
14. Controlled departure through bottom gate
15. Toilets cleaned post event
16. Kitchen cleaned post event



Section Beavers / Cubs / Scouts Date _____

Activity _____ Leader in charge _____

Who	Name	Details on OSM	Confirm with parents: No COVID signs symptoms Been in contact with anyone with COVID or symptoms Traveled to any COVID hotspots in the last 14 days?
Leader 1		Yes / No	
Leader 2		Yes / No	
Young Adult 1		Yes / No	
Young Adult 2		Yes / No	
Young Adult 3		Yes / No	
Young Adult 4		Yes / No	
Young Adult 5		Yes / No	
Young Adult 6		Yes / No	
Young Adult 7		Yes / No	
Young Adult 8		Yes / No	
Young Adult 9		Yes / No	
Young Adult 10		Yes / No	
Young Adult 11		Yes / No	
Young Adult 12		Yes / No	