

Space and Robotics Club (SPARC) COVID-19 Protocol

Section 1 – Return to Activity Protocol

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Thomas Carrigan is the COVID-19 Coordinator for SPARC and has completed the Sport Ireland COVID-19 Awareness eLearning Course.

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The DCU Society COVID-19 RTA Risk Assessment will be used to determine if an activity can take place.

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The DCU procedure on how to deal with a suspected case of COVID-19 will be communicated to all members prior to any activities.

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SPARC will comply with Government & DCU Clubs and Societies Guidelines to address identified risks as detailed in the C&S COVID-19 risk assessment.

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SPARC understands its obligations and responsibilities to abide by COVID-19 policies and will communicate in a clear manner the obligations and rights of members under these policies.

Section 2 – Identification and Isolation of Suspected Cases

2.1

The Society is aware of the DCU procedure for prompt identification of and isolation of anyone in their activities who may have symptoms of COVID-19.

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Members taking part in activities shall complete the DCU Societies COVID-19 Health Questionnaire at least 3 days in advance of any activity. Questionnaires shall be stored securely on the Society Drive in line with GDPR.

2.3

Members will be informed of the purpose of the questionnaire and the steps taken to ensure GDPR compliance.

2.4

Temperature checks will be performed (by a committee member wearing PPE) on all members taking part in activities and any potential cases will be advised not to take part and to follow Government Guidelines regarding potential cases.

2.5

Where it concerns society activities, the latest Government advice will be circulated to members prior to any events.

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Should a member develop symptoms of COVID-19, they will be directed to the latest government advice regarding COVID-19 as well as DCU Student Supports.

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If a member is known to have a positive case of COVID-19 they will not be permitted to take part in in-person activities until such time as they are no longer an active case as per Government COVID-19 advice.

Section 3 – COVID-19 Prevention and Control Measures

3.1

Members taking part in activities shall complete the DCU Societies COVID-19 Health Questionnaire at least 3 days in advance of any activity and will submit to a temperature check directly prior to taking part in any activity.

3.2 – 3.7

See [“DCU Societies COVID-19 Participant Health Screening Questionnaire”](#)

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Maximum number of people per area to maintain social distancing will be determined prior to events in line with current Government guidelines.

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Telescopes will be thoroughly disinfected using alcohol-based sanitiser before and after activities with special attention given to the eyepiece.

Section 4 – Training and Induction

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Thomas Carrigan is the SPARC COVID-19 Coordinator

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All members attending activities will be advised to abide by Government recommendations regarding physical distancing.

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Face coverings will be mandatory attire and it will be required of members to use hand sanitiser

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The current government advice on how the environment affects transmission of the virus will be made available

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The current government advice on how to respond should you be displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will be made available

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The current government advice on how to respond to an observation of possible symptoms of COVID-19 in others will be made available

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The current government advice regarding transport and accommodation will be communicated to members should a trip be planned

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It is the responsibility of individual members to assess their own vulnerability to COVID-19 and to assess the risk they pose to vulnerable members of their household

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Section 5 – Essential Protocol Features

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Activities such as stargazing and astronomy can be performed in a distanced manner and with regular sanitization equipment such as telescopes can be utilized safely