

DCU GAA Club COVID-19 Return to Play (RTP) RISK ASSESSMENT

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DCU Sports Club: DCU Dóchas Éireann GAA Club

Review date:

Groups affected: Staff Student Visitor/Public Contractor Coaching Staff First Aid/ATT

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Virus transmission due to lack of coordinated approach to management of RTP	Y	Uncontrolled RTP increasing risk of virus transmission	A clear structure has been put in place to manage COVID-19 RTP processes in the sports club	Y			0	L	Action plan formed from outstanding actions in risk assessment	COVID-19 Staff	September 2020
			A Club COVID-19 Coordinator(s) has been appointed with consideration given to club size, activity and training arrangements	Y					Completed. The main point of contact for COVID-19 related issues is Paul O'Brien & David Sweeney as will be present at the majority of training sessions.	COVID-19 Staff	October 2020
			A deputy Club COVID-19 Coordinator(s) has been appointed for each team/club to ensure back up in the event of illness	Y					Completed. Each team will have a COVID-19 officers are in place within the club to cover as many of the different disciplines as possible.	COVID-19 Staff	Oct 2020
			Clear communication with the club committee and members on the role and duties of the COVID-19 Coordinator	Y					Each Team will have an appointed person and this instruction has been relayed to committee	COVID-19 Staff	September 2020
			Training arrangements have been developed to ensure members have been trained before returning to play on any new procedures	Y					All members must complete the GAA e-learning return to play online	Team COVID Officer	Every Day
Potential Virus transmission due to infected members RTP	Y	Members return to play with the infection	C-19 Health Declaration forms have been distributed and returned	Y		4	0	L	GAA COVID-19 RTP Health questionnaire will be circulated by DCU Committee. This must be completed prior to students being allowed to train.	Team COVID Officer	September 2020
			Specific individual member assessment been undertaken for those who have a self-declared health condition which could increase their risk profile.	N					Discussion and advice to follow government guidelines	Team COVID Officer	Sep-20
			Members are advised on procedure to follow if they experience any symptoms while at home i.e. do not attend training/matches, notify Club COVID-19 Coordinator.	Y					Word document of DCU DÉ GAA protocol emailed to members.	COVID-19 Staff	September 2020
Communication of Information for public health, NGB and DCU information.	Y		Provide COVID-19 Induction training to all members before they return to the training, using the COVID-19 Return to Sport Course at https://www.sportireland.ie/covid19/course	Y		4	0	L	Training to all coaches, COVID-19 officers and committee members has been provided via the GAA course link.	GAA Higher Education	September 2020
			Regularly review all relevant documents and communicate the updated information as it arises from various sources.	Y					Will commence this after first week of activity within the club is completed and regularly (biweekly) from there or as needed.	COVID-19 Staff	Semester 1 2020
Potential virus transmission while travelling to training/matches	Y	Increased risk of infection while sharing spaces	If feasible, member have been advised to travel alone to training and use their own transport.	Y					Members have been advised to adhere to guidance from government and DCU including social distancing, no sharing of equipment and water bottles as per GAA guigelines	COVID-19 Staff	Throughout September 2020

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			Members should arrive at training and competition ready to play	Y		4	0	L	Detailed in the GAA RTP guidelines and information relayed to all members	COVID-19 Staff	September 2020
			Members using public transport should comply with guidelines on safe use and where feasible consider using alternatives e.g. cycling, walking to work etc. Use of face coverings is advised when using public transport.	N					All members to follow government guidelines	COVID-19 Staff	September 2020
Lack of adequate Physical Distancing causing virus transmission between participants	Y	Transmission of virus causing ill health	Limit the number of players at training sessions as per NGB guidelines	Y		4	0	L	Limited numbers monitored and tracked in accordance with Gov guidelines. Members activity will be outdoor but when using the indoor gym in St. Claires limited to 6 persons.	COVID-19 Staff	September 2020 but ongoing with gov guideline announcements
			Spectators are not permitted to watch training	Y					No additional people, coaches or staff other than those taking part in the session or coaching are permitted. This is communicated via powerpoint presentation	COVID-19 Staff	August 2020
			Individuals administering first aid must wear PPE and follow strict hygiene protocols.	Y					Will communicate this with ATT students working with DCU GAA where they are in attendance at training and competition	ATT Students	September 2020
			Meetings to be done remotely where possible and face to face meetings must adhere to social distancing guidelines.	Y					Meetings will not be occurring until safe to do so.	COVID-19 Staff	Sep-20
Sports Equipment	Y	Increased risk of infection while using GAA sports equipment	Limit the number of persons using the same equipment	Y	1	2	2	L	GAA protocols to be followed at all stages, the same as club and inter county the last few months	Team COVID Officer	Sep-20
			Develop cleaning and sanitation procedures and clean equipment before and after each use.	Y					Purchasing extra hand sanitiser and cleaning spray for GAA equipment in St. Claire's. Inform players to bring own hand sanitiser to training sessions.	COVID-19 Staff	Oct-20
Psychological well being	Y	Health and well-being of members is impacted by changed circumstances	Regular communication is in place (individual and group) to ensure members are kept informed about policies and procedures for returning to play safely and how to raise any concerns they may have.	Y		4	0	L	Regular emails will be sent to all club members and coaches. COVID will be a rolling agenda item on club committee meetings.	COVID-19 Staff	Oct-20
			CLC to hold regular informal discussions with the clubs and look at ways to reduce causes of stress.						Link in with CLC to see when these dates are scheduled for and communicate them to club members.	CLC	TBC
			Members who are in vulnerable groups themselves or caring for others are encouraged to contact the club committee/Coach/CLC/Staff to discuss their support needs	Y					Delivery through a Powerpoint presentation prior to training commencing	COVID-19 Staff	Oct-20
			Members are made aware of supportive mechanisms available to them (e.g. counselling, health promotion campaigns, Medical Centre, etc.)	Y					Delivery through a Powerpoint presentation prior to training commencing	COVID-19 Staff	Oct-20

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Emergency response - fire alarm activation	Y	Social distancing not applied during emergency situations increasing risk of overlap of staff and community transmission	The Evacuation response plan has been reviewed and communicated - what to do in the event of a fire alarm activation in order to maintain social distancing	N	1	1	1	L	Communicate the fire assembly points for coaches and staff when using St Claires.	Team COVID Officer	September 2020
			Assembly points - members are advised to that general location of assembly point has been maintained but they must maintain social distancing around general assembly point	N					This will be relayed to all participants of GAA When attending	Team COVID Officer	Semester 1 2020