



COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Summary Statement

Mossley AFC has a duty of care to protect the safety and welfare of its players, volunteers, visitors (including match officials) and spectators at all times and must ensure the implementation of safe and effective social distancing and hygiene measures in line with government advice to limit the potential for Covid-19 infection. If at any time the club believes such safety and welfare is potentially compromised it reserves the right to consider cancellation or amendment of any activity while measures are reviewed. All activities will be carried out in line with current government Covid-19 guidelines and are continually reviewed. This risk assessment must be read in conjunction with all other activity and site-specific risk assessments.

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Category	Risk	Level of risk	Parties at risk	Mitigating measures and safeguards	Additional measures taken prior to matches from 01.10.2020
Training	New Covid Protocols to be followed	High	Players Management	Training risk assessment protocol to be followed at all times	
Travel	Parking	Low	Players Management Volunteers	Limit number of cars able to be admitted to the on-ground parking to ensure adequate space for vehicles to be parked at a safe distance. Car park not available to supporters	
Travel	Arrival at ground	Low	Players Management Volunteers Spectators Match Officials	All individuals should arrive at the ground independently or in their social bubbles wearing appropriate PPE	Full NHS app track and trace installed at ground entrance
Facilities	Changing facilities do not provide sufficient space for social distancing	High	Players Management Match officials	Players not allowed to congregate in the changing room earlier than 1 hour before kick off Players to be allocated spaces (pegs and seats) within the changing room to minimise the risk of infection Changing rooms, including seats and shower areas, to be disinfected following each use Match officials provided separate changing rooms to allow social distancing to be maintained	Changing rooms used with latest FA guidelines
General Care / Hygiene	Social distancing not maintained whilst queuing to enter the ground	Low	Spectators	Posters to be displayed on the way to the ground (between the Highland Laddie and Seel Park) setting out social distancing requirements Marks to be made 2m apart to support compliance with social distancing	Additional floor markings added to ground to reduce bottlenecks in front of the boardroom and pie huts. Additional signage added to demonstrate directional flow of supporters whilst in the ground. New pre match information created for social media to inform fans of expectations prior to arrival at the ground. Additional stewarding introduced to manage crowd. Stewards to spread more around the ground. Online ticketing to split queues. Specific matchday organisers hut to manage flow. Regular announcements via the tannoy system.
General Care / Hygiene	Spectators don't maintain social distancing once admitted to the ground	Low	Spectators	Signage to be displayed around the ground to remind spectators of social distancing requirements. Stewards briefed on the requirements and to remind spectators when necessary. Stewards will have the authority to remove any spectators who continually fail to abide by social distancing rules	Additional floor markings added to ground to reduce bottlenecks in front of the boardroom and pie huts. Additional signage added to demonstrate directional flow of supporters whilst in the ground. New pre match information created for social media to inform fans of expectations prior to arrival at the ground. Additional stewarding introduced to manage crowd. Stewards to spread more around the ground. Online ticketing to split queues. Specific matchday organisers hut to manage flow. Regular announcements via the tannoy system.
General Care / Hygiene	Main stand seats may become contaminated	Medium	Spectators	Spectators to sit 3 seats apart. Seats to be cleaned with disinfectant following each game	
General Care / Hygiene	Limited toilet facilities increase the risk of contamination	High	Spectators Volunteers	Toilets to be deep cleaned following each game Signage to be displayed setting out social distancing requirements Soap and sanitiser available in and outside all toilets Portable toilet facilities to be reviewed	Additional professional cleaning sourced
General Care / Hygiene	Social distancing not maintained whilst queuing for refreshments and merchandise	Low	Spectators	Posters to be displayed in areas where queuing likely setting out social distancing requirements Marks to be made 2m apart to support compliance with social distancing	Merchandise housed in merchandise specific area of the ground to keep separate. Queuing for refreshments hut to be reviewed and amended accordingly to ensure a safer queuing system with no bottlenecks. Regular announcements via the tannoy system.
General Care / Hygiene	Insufficient information held to allow NHS test and trace guidance to be applied should any attendees test positive for COVID-19	High	Players Management Volunteers Spectators	First team manager responsible for keeping attendance record and maintaining contact details for players and management team All spectators and volunteers required to "sign-in" to confirm they and all members of their household are asymptomatic and to provide a contact telephone number. One book per turnstile. A new register of attendees to be used for each game and destroyed 21 days after the fixture. Telephone numbers obtained to be used only in the event of a positive COVID-19 test for somebody in attendance and for no other reason	Full NHS app track and trace installed at ground entrance
General Care / Hygiene	Frequent contact points become contaminated	High	Players Management Volunteers Spectators Match Officials	All frequent touch areas to be regularly sanitised. I.e Door handles, food prep areas, rails, changing rooms	
Admission and exit of the ground	Handing of cash and tickets on entry	High	Spectators	Use of advanced purchasing ticketing or potential to use league ticketless app	Online ticket app used
Admission and exit of the ground	Turnstiles may become contaminated	High	Spectators	Turnstiles to be open to allow pass without touching surfaces. Disinfectant to be on site at turnstiles if needed.	Work on turnstiles during close season to ensure all are fully operational

Admission and exit of the ground	Narrow entries make social distancing impractical	Medium	Spectators	One way system for the 2 passageways between the social club, main stand and sponsors lounge between 1 hour prior to kick-off until 30 minutes after kick-off. Signage to be displayed to make the one way system clear to spectators	Additional stewarding introduced to manage crowd and additional cross hatched no standing areas introduced
Admission and exit of the ground	Narrow exits make social distancing impractical	Medium	Spectators	Passageway between the main stand and sponsors lounge to be exit only between from 30 minutes after kick-off. Entry during this period to be through the social club. Signage to be displayed to make the one way system clear to spectators	Additional stewarding introduced to manage crowd and additional cross hatched no standing areas introduced
Medical	Medical staff may need to make physical contact with others	Medium	Players Management	Club physio to follow the FA First aid guidance and wear PPE when attending to any players	
Medical	First aid staff may need to make physical contact with others	Medium	Volunteers Spectators	First Aider to follow the FA First aid guidance and wear PPE when attending to anybody	
Equipment	Equipment touched by multiple bodies	Medium	Players Management Match officials	All equipment to be sanitised (cones, balls etc) in line with training approach already in use	
Equipment	Player food provision	Low	Players	Food to be pre made and available in the Boardroom. Provision aimed more at cold self serve food that is prepacked. Such as crisps, drinks.	Food will be provided to players and officials from start on 21/22 season. In board room.
Media	Media formalities to be completed by players and management	Low	Players Management Match officials	Full media list to be gathered and managed by the club in advance of any game Interviews to be outside at 2m distance	
Boardroom	Social distancing to be maintained	Medium	Volunteers Spectators	Numbers in the boardroom to be reduced to correct capacity in line with all social distancing guidelines. One way system in place.	Boardroom will be used again for corporate sponsorship from start of 21/22 season.
Volunteers	New Covid Protocols to be followed	High	Players Management Volunteers Spectators Match Officials	All volunteers to self assess themselves before preparing to head to the ground All volunteers to sign in as per spectators for track and trace All volunteers to be provided PPE as required Full volunteer list to be gathered and managed by the club in advance of any game	All additional volunteers that join the team to be briefed as to all protocols. Matchday co-ordinator to manage.
Social Club	Social distancing not maintained within Social Club	High	Spectators	Social club open in line with government guidelines and licensing laws.	Clear queueing and table allocation system in place. Sanitation levels high. Dedicated staff to manage the social club at all times.
Seating	Maintaining Social Distancing in Main Stand seats	Medium	Spectators	Seats to be sectioned off to maintain social distancing. Alternates to be used. Bubbles only to be allowed to sit together. Use diagonal alternate spacing from one row to the next.	Spectators requested to wear masks in seated areas Requesting spectators to remain seated Requesting avoiding face to face contact when moving past one another