



COVID-19 Officer

Each club will appoint a COVID-19 Officer. The role of this person is to remain familiar with the most up to date Irish FA and NI Executive guidance and ensure that this is communicated throughout coaches, players and parents/guardians (for clubs with U18 teams).

Like Safeguarding, ensuring adherence to the Irish FA and NI Executive protocols is the responsibility of **everyone** and the role of the COVID-19 Officer is to oversee this.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensure coaches, staff and volunteers are aware and adhere to COVID-19 guidance and protocols while at training
- In advance of return to football activity, each club is responsible for ensuring that the facilities they will use, regardless of ownership, are adequate and enable all Irish FA and NI Executive guidance to be met. This includes social distancing and good hand hygiene practice
- Keep updated with all new NI Executive guidance and Irish FA guidelines on Covid-19; update and communicate club plans as necessary
- Carrying out a risk assessment will help support the decision to return to football activity

An example of a completed simple risk assessment is below. The considerations and mitigants detailed in the example are not exhaustive.

Risk	Increased spread of COVID-19 due to NI Executive guidelines not being adhered to
Mitigants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing guidelines can be adhered to in training facilities • Hand sanitiser supplied around training venue • Players instructed to bring their own hand sanitiser • No non-essential personnel present during training sessions • Equipment sanitised before and after all sessions • High touch point areas (door handles, toilet flush mechanisms) are sanitised frequently and before and after sessions as a minimum

Risk	Participants are not aware of the protocols to be followed resulting in an increased spread of Covid-19
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Mitigants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Club have agreed protocols to ensure all Irish FA and NI Executive guidance is met in advance of return to activity• All club staff have been advised and understand the club protocols• Club and venue protocols communicated to all participants and parents/guardians (for U18 teams) in advance of any return to activity• Parent/guardian written consent for children to return to training received including agreement to club protocols
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