

Frequently Asked Questions – Covid-19 Edition

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Q: Do we need to include COVID measures in our event risk assessment?

Yes - There is a COVID risk assessment template available on the website, [here](#).

Q: Are we required to wear masks?

Clubs are to follow government guidelines for the use of masks. Do seek guidance from the venue/local government which is being used to host the event. Should the venue or local government guidance be that masks are required, this is to be adhered to.

Q: Do we need to provide hand sanitiser at Pony Club activities?

Providing hand sanitiser and washing facilities is advised and would support the prevention of spreading the virus. This should be factored into your COVID-19 risk assessment.

Where possible we would encourage regular breaks to enable all with the opportunity to wash hands following the [NHS hand washing Guidance](#).

Downloadable guidance is available to print: [Printable Download](#).

Q: Do I have to be vaccinated to volunteer?

No, you are not required to be double vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to volunteer for The Pony Club. We would, however, encourage all considering volunteering to undertake the NHS self assessment prior to volunteering and, where possible, take up the opportunity to be vaccinated to support with controlling the spread of the virus.

Q: What information should we share with members/parents prior to attending?

Families may be concerned about COVID-19 and the spread of the virus. To support we would recommend the following:

- Suggest to all attendees to undertake the NHS self assessment and a lateral flow test before attending the event.
- Share information about local testing sites that may support those travelling to your event. This information is accessible via the [NHS website](#).

Q: What is the current guidance on covid testing and vaccinations at camp?

To support a COVID secure event we would encourage all event attendees to undergo a self-assessment for COVID-19 symptoms and download the [NHS App](#).

No-one should leave home to participate in the event if they, or someone they live with or a member of their support bubble, has symptoms of COVID-19 currently recognised as any of the following:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste

Should an individual has shown any such symptoms, they must follow [NHS guidance on self-isolation](#).

We would suggest all Clubs encourage members/families to complete a lateral flow test prior to attending the camp/event where possible.

Home testing kits are available to order for free from the NHS and do arrive very quickly. Kits can be ordered here: [Order Lateral Flow Testing Kit](#).

Q: What do we do if we test positive for COVID-19 and are due to attend a Pony Club event?

If you or a member of your family/support bubble feel unwell and are showing any symptoms, please do take a test.

Should the result be positive, please alert the club directly and do not attend. Stay at home and follow [NHS guidance on self-isolation](#).

Q: At camp, how do we handle a positive COVID test and who needs to self-isolate?

The general approach is based on close contact. Essentially, anyone who comes into close contact with a confirmed/positive test for a prolonged period of time would subsequently have to self-isolate as well as the original case. This isolation is to take place at home where possible. The same would apply for any Pony Club activities.

Q: What is the definition of close contact?

Here is the government's [definition of close contact](#).