

# SurviveAlive youthworks – Revised COVID-19 Risk Assessment

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We wish to reassure you that the entire team at SurviveAlive is placing the wellbeing of our volunteers and young people at the heart of all our decision making and we are taking appropriate measures to prevent its spread.

We currently believe that the benefits of our events, held at our outdoor site, outweigh any risks in attending, although we are closely monitoring Government advice as detailed within the links below and will follow appropriate updated guidance when provided:

[Guidance for Educational Settings](#)

[NHS Covid 19 Guidance](#)

[GOV.UK](#)

We require all SurviveAlive volunteers to follow the government guidance, and we will ensure they are not displaying any symptoms before attending the event.

All young people and SurviveAlive volunteers will be asked upon arrival at the site if they have any COVID symptoms. If they do, sadly they'll be asked to return home. Strict hand hygiene and other appropriate safety measures will be maintained throughout the activity.

SurviveAlive youthworks also requests that all young people and parents/guardians follow government guidelines with regards to self-isolation and do not send anyone to our event if they have symptoms and/or should be shielding as per official guidance two weeks prior to the event. Should we suspect anyone has symptoms at the event we will isolate them and contact parent/guardians to arrange collection.

Cleaning and regular disinfectant routines will be maintained throughout the event.

The SurviveAlive team is placing significant focus upon measures to keep COVID-safe. We insist that all people on site follow the government guidelines provided and as detailed below. Anyone failing to follow these guidelines will be asked to leave.



There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. All volunteers must adhere to these and will actively encourage all young people to do the following:

- Wash hands often – for at least 20 seconds – with soap and water. Alcohol gel sanitiser to be used if hand washing facilities are not available (i.e. offsite, beach,)

## Hand-washing technique with soap and water



- Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin immediately. 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

All those attending the event should wash their hands:

- Before leaving home
- On arrival
- After using the toilet
- After breaks and all activities
- Before food preparation
- Before eating any food, including snacks
- Before leaving the event

## Social Distancing:

All volunteers and young people are asked to minimise close contact and to maintain the recommended two meter distancing. Where this is not possible, risks will be minimised by:

- Activities being predominately in the open air.
- Washroom access will be managed and supervised.
- Minimal use of indoor spaces.
- Close contact (e.g. first aid) is kept to a minimum and face masks are mandatory.
- Use of transport is minimised and 1m+ social distancing is maintained within the minibus. Use of face coverings will be mandatory in vehicles and windows will be kept open for ventilation.

## 1 hazard - Proximity - Breaching of 2m Social Distancing

- I risk -** Barn (toilets and kitchen)
  - control i -** Limit number of people to 1 in washroom spaces
  - control ii -** Limited and supervised access only to normal barn space
  - control iii -** No access to the catering area except by catering team
  
- II risk -** Members of the public (to follow COVID-19 response guidance at all times)
  - control i -** Minimise the time non participants are on site to reduce exposure
  - control ii -** Emails sent to parent/guardians with clear guidance
  - control iii -** Website updated with clear guidance & COVID-19 policies

## 2 hazard - Contamination - Risk of Catching COVID-19 from surfaces

- I risk -** All communal spaces:
  - control i -** Clean as normal, including cleaning all contact surfaces regularly
  - control ii -** Maximise the use of outdoor spaces
  
- II risk -** Kitchen:
  - control i -** Regular cleaning
  - control ii -** Only catering team to operate within the kitchen
  - control iii -** Consider the use of disposable plates/napkins/cutlery
  
- III risk -** Toilets:
  - control i -** Hot water and soap in all washrooms for handwashing
  - control ii -** Regular cleaning

## 3 hazard - Activities

- I risk -** Proximity (transmission)
  - control i -** Handwashing before and after sessions
  - control ii -** Face masks/coverings if necessary
  - control iii -** Activities amended to increase social distance
  - control iv -** Groups to operate as small bubbles

## 4 hazard - Group work

- I risk -** Small groups
  - control i -** Will be conducted outdoors with each team having its own area
  - control ii -** Activities will be managed to ensure social distance

## 5 hazard - Travel

- I risk -** Mini bus (personal cars for owner's single household only)
  - control i -** Facemasks to be worn by vehicle occupants
  - control ii -** Minibus use – max capacity limited by 1m+ social distancing
  - control iii -** Cleaning before and after use
  - control iv -** Open windows to ensure ventilation

**Risk map - Site Operations:**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation tactics</b>
Volunteers become ill offsite and transmit COVID-19 to other volunteers/young people	Low (may increase)	High – Additional sickness – Closure of site	<p>All volunteers updated with Government guidance, advised to self-isolate as advised, contact 111 with any symptoms and seek testing ASAP.</p> <p>Essential that once sickness suspected exposure to other volunteers/young people minimised to try and prevent transition.</p>
Young people attend site with COVID-19	Low (may increase)	High – additional sickness	<p>All young people and parents/guardians instructed not to attend site if there is any reason to suspect they have been exposed to any suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients, or if they are displaying any symptoms.</p> <p>All volunteers updated with government guidance, advised to isolate any young people displaying symptoms, to call 111 and follow advice given.</p> <p>Essential that once sickness suspected exposure to other volunteers minimised to try and prevent transition.</p>
Transfer of COVID-19 across site	Low (may increase)	High – additional sickness – Closure of site	<p>Clear instructions to all volunteers and young people regarding hand washing protocols.</p> <p>Provision of sanitising hand wash and gels.</p> <p>Provision of hot water in washroom.</p> <p>Regular and monitored cleaning of all contact surfaces.</p>