

Coronavirus Risk Assessment

Location/Dept: Parks and Premises		Date Assessed: 29 June 2020			Assessed by: Kathryn Graves & Paul Isom		
Task/Activity: Play Areas		Review Date: Every day after 2pm					
Activity/ Task	Hazard/Risk	Persons at Risk	Controls in Place	Severity (1-5)	Likelihood (1-5)	Risk/ Priority	Additional Controls Required
Play Areas	Contact with persons suffering from coronavirus or with surfaces contaminated with COVID-19	Employees and public, especially children	<p>Play Areas to be re-opened on the 4th July 2020 following government guidance.</p> <p>.GOV.UK regulations prohibit the gathering of more than 6 people in an area. Notices will be put on all play areas to remind people to maintain social distancing. Advisory maximum number of users per enclosed playground will be specified.</p> <p>.GOV.UK advice says that the infection risk from COVID-19 following contamination of the environment decreases over time. It is not yet clear at what point there is no risk, but risk will reduce quicker outside where virus is exposed to rain and sunshine. Studies of other Coronaviruses suggest that in most circumstances, the risk is likely to be reduced significantly after 72 hours.</p> <p>To prevent the spread of COVID-19, all surfaces that a symptomatic person has come into significant contact with must be cleaned, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All surfaces and objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids; and • All potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as handles and grab rails. 	5	2	10	<p>Guidance and recommended risk control measures will be sourced directly from the GOV.UK website wherever possible.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms</p> <p>Control measures will be revised and updated daily at 2pm when the latest government guidance is released. We will also follow guidance from NALC and the SLCC.</p>

			<p>However, symptomatic people should be following government guidelines and remain at home.</p> <p>Due to the nature of play equipment, there will be a large number of surfaces and high contact areas that have the potential to be contaminated if used by someone with COVID-19. We will put up notices at each play area advising people to frequently clean their hands.</p> <p>If we were to supply cleaning equipment at each of the 9 areas, we could not rely on carers, or older children playing unsupervised to clean the equipment after use or correctly dispose of the used cleaning materials. Our Parks Team will clean contact surfaces of the play equipment as frequently as staffing levels allow (complete clean twice per week), but it is not possible to clean equipment between each user. Parks Team officers will be provided with appropriate PPE for cleaning.</p> <p>Litter bins are provided in the play areas where tissues, etc. can be disposed off safely. Notices at each play area will remind people to dispose of rubbish sensibly.</p>				
Play Areas	Safety of equipment following closure of play areas	Equipment Users	All equipment has undergone weekly safety testing as normal, so all equipment will be safe to use.	3	1	3	

Risk/Priority Indicator Key

Severity (Consequence)
1. Negligible (delay only)
2. Slight (minor injury / damage / interruption)
3. Moderate (lost time injury, illness, damage, lost business)
4. High (major injury / damage, lost time business interruption, disablement)
5. Very High (fatality / business closure)

Likelihood
1. Improbable / very unlikely
2. Unlikely
3. Even chance / may happen
4. Likely
5. Almost certain / imminent

RISK / PRIORITY INDICATOR MATRIX						
LIKELIHOOD	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		SEVERITY (CONSEQUENCE)				

Summary		Suggested Timeframe
12-25	High	As soon as possible
6-11	Medium	Within the next three to six months
1-5	Low	Whenever viable to do so