

## Covid-19 Specific Risk Assessment for Paddling with Three Bridges School

Covid-19 has added additional risks to any activities we undertake, this document deals with the specific risks and actions required to reduce the chances of infection of staff and participants, it brings together [actions outlined in our other documentation](#) we have so far provided. This Risk Assessment should be considered as an addendum to the standard Risk Assessments for Canoeing Activities. It requires vigilance and adherence to Government guidelines in force at any given time.

There are two specific areas of concern to consider; transference by close proximity and by contact with surfaces. There are also other actions people need to take in the event of either contact with Covid-19 infected people or if they feel the symptoms of Covid-19, details of which are included at the end of this document.

Please be aware of the need for people to take part in activities for both their physical and mental wellbeing; canoeing and kayaking does offer a good socially distanced activity. By observing a few simple rules, it is a very safe sport.

Risk	Action	Responsibility	Other
Infection transferring from one person to another by close proximity	Social distancing rules need to be applied at all times, when there is the chance that people may be closer than 2 metres, they must wear face coverings or visors. All staff to wear visors when helping people on or off the water.	Everyone, particularly staff who are required to monitor the behaviour of participants and ensure they are maintaining social distancing	Government guidelines do change, and people need to be mindful of current advice and observe it accordingly.  People's social bubbles mean that some people may be able to be closer than others, staff need to be aware of this

Infection by touching surfaces touched by other people	After each session equipment needs to be cleaned before being re-issued.	Staff	In reality people should either sanitise or where possible wash their hands after paddling under all circumstances.
	Buoyancy Aids need to be sprayed.	Staff	
	Paddle shafts need to be cleaned	Staff	
	Areas of the boat (cockpit rims etc) where people may have touched need to be cleaned.	Staff	
	Participants should sanitise hands before and after paddling	Participants	

Please note, that by taking part in Shark activities you do have a responsibility to notify us if you contract Covid-19, this is so we can notify other people whom you may have come into contact with as part of the Track and Trace policy, in this circumstance this is the responsibility of the School, however, The Sharks need to be notified, so we can inform our staff. The Sharks can be contacted on 07951 770241, or by email: [canoeing@thesharks.org.uk](mailto:canoeing@thesharks.org.uk).