# Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategy for Playing Recreational Cricket under conditions of social distancing during COVID-19 lockdown phases 2 and 3

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| Risk Description | Likelihood Pre-Mitigation | Severity Pre-Mitigation | Mitigation | Likelihood Post-Mitigation | Severity Post-Mitigation |
| Players congregate together before, during or after the game | Medium | Low | * Players will be issued with clear instructions by email ahead of games
* On arrival, opposing teams should set up (at least) 20m apart from each other to minimise the risk of cross-infection
* Players on the same team should take care to keep 2m distance from team mates
* Players will umpire and score the games themselves in order to minimise the overall group size
* Any food or drink to be consumed should be brought by the player themselves
 | Low | Low |
| Spectators congregate near players | Low – our games do not typically attract spectators | Low | * Spectators will not be invited. Any passing spectators will be asked to move away from the field by the captains
 | Very Low | Low |
| A player with symptoms attends the game | Low | Medium | * All players will be given strict instructions by both email and text not to attend if they have any symptoms
* Any player with visible symptoms will be asked to leave immediately
 | Very Low | Medium |
| Transmission from shared use of fixed surfaces | Medium | Medium | * Pavilions, changing rooms or other indoor areas will not be used – they will remain locked.
* Players are to arrive dressed
* Players will be told to bring their own foldable chairs.
* A first aid kit will brought by the home team captain and made available outside any buildings
 | Very Low | Very Low |
| Transmission from shared use of equipment (excl ball) | Medium | Low | * Home team captain will provide stumps, bails and boundary markers, and gel hands before and after both putting these in place and when bringing in at end of game
* Sharing of helmets, gloves, sunglasses, sun-cream to be banned
* Any other shared equipment to be cleaned before and after use
* No-one to touch anyone else’s clothing or equipment, including umpires
 | Very low | Very Low |
| Transmission from shared use of cricket ball | Medium | Very Low (see [here](https://www.wisden.com/stories/your-game/club-cricket/disease-specialist-deems-playing-cricket-low-risk-activity-for-spreading-coronavirus)) | * No balls are to be used during warm-ups
* All fielders to wash hands immediately before game
* The home team to provide 11 bottles of hand gel
* All fielders are to take hand gel onto the field and gel their hands at a convenient time following handling the ball
* Fielders and wicketkeeper should not pass the ball around the field unnecessary
* No-one other than the fielding team should touch the ball at any point
* No saliva is to be applied to the ball at any point
 | Very Low | Very Low |
| Fielders come within 2m of each other or umpire | Medium | Very Low | * Fielders are to position themselves a minimum of 5m from each other as a starting point, and to be aware of each other’s positions through the act of fielding the ball
* The square leg umpire should position themselves at least 5m from any legside fielder, this may require standing further back than usual
* It is the responsibility of the umpires to proactively avoid close proximity to any players
 | Low | Very Low |
| Bowler, umpire and non-striker come within 2m of each other | Medium | Very Low | * Umpire to stand at least 5m back from stumps at all times
* If bowler has a straight run-up, umpire to step to the side to allow bowler 2m clearance, before moving back into position
* Non-striker to position himself 5m wide on the legside at all times, and to maintain this line for all subsequent runs
* Striker to run min 2m wide on the offside for all runs
* Bowler to leave the ball if it requires close proximity to either umpire or batsman
 | Very Low | Very Low |
| Batsman and wicket-keeper come within 2m of each other | Medium | Very Low | * Wicket-keeper to stand at least 1m back at all times unless both he and the batsmen are wearing masks
* Wicket-keeper may only approach the stumps when the batsman has left his ground
* Non-striker to position himself 5m wide on the legside at all times, and to maintain this line for all subsequent runs
* Striker to run min 2m wide on the offside for all runs
* Wicket-keeper to leave the ball if it requires close proximity to batsman
 | Very Low | Very Low |
| Transmission may pass between scorers or scoreboard operators | Medium | Low | * Scorers and scoreboard operators should not sit together
* Bottles of gel to be provided for use by scorers and scoreboard operators ahead of the game
* The scorer and scoreboard operator should be changed a minimum of times each innings
* Both the scorer and scoreboard operator should clean their hands with gel both before and after their stint
* Both should avoid touching their face during their stint, and neither should eat any food
 | Very Low | Low |