

# Essex



# Cricket

COVID Match day protocol for the  
CLOUDFM County Ground Essex,

# Basic Principles

This document sets out the key principles that professional cricketers, support staff and other staff should adhere to when they attend a match day at the CloudFM County Ground.

These principles should be read in conjunction with the Essex Cricket Covid 19 Training document which sets out the risk reduction processes which must be implemented by the venue providing the cricket training environment, ensuring that the priority is player and staff safety.

The other key document that all process and policy is taken from is the ECB/FCCC stage 3 return to domestic competition medical guidance.

The following risk reduction principles would run throughout all activities:

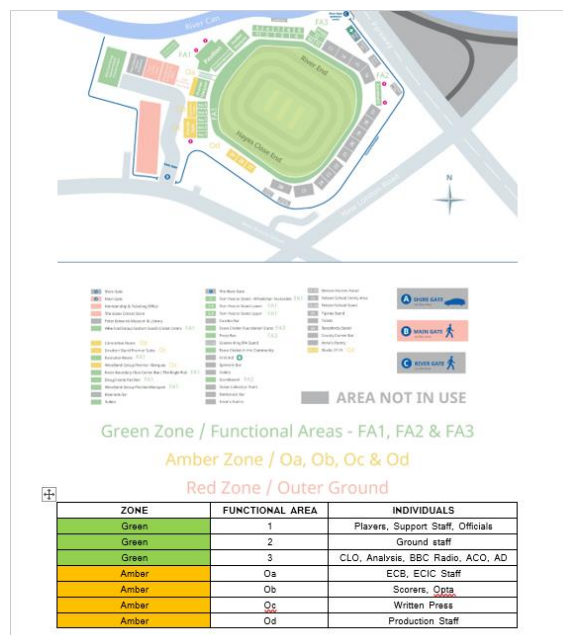
- Daily Temp checks and entry questionnaire.
- Wash hands regularly and for a minimum of 20 seconds (with soap and water and/or use hand sanitiser).
- Always maintain a minimum of 2 metres social distancing.
- Avoid touching face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- Clean equipment you use with disinfectant wipes - including mobile phones.
- Bring all your cricket kit – including your assigned balls.
- Bring your own water bottle and any food/supplements from home.
- Bring your own sunscreen, lip balm and towels from home.
- Facilities will be thoroughly cleaned daily.

Following the ECB guidance this document will follow the ECB summary guidance of

## GET IN >> COMPETE >> GET OUT

Ahead of getting to the ground it is worth the Player being aware of the Ground lay out and zonal areas for match days.

CLOUDFM County Ground (ADD SCANNING ENTRANCE AND ZONE AREAS)



## Hand Sanitizer location



All players and staff will be asked to stick to their zonal area and work within their Functional areas within that zone. The ground will have a clear lay out of a one-way system around the ground and zonal areas, players and staff will be reminded to stick to this.

## STEWARDING

If we are to play behind closed doors, I recommend the following proposals:

Fencing should be put in place from the car park entrance/exit across the Drive, to prevent pedestrian entry from New Writtle Street.

The River Gate will remain locked at all times, all ingress/egress via Capita, onto New Writtle Street.

1. Shire Gate to remain closed (only to be opened if needed in the case of an emergency), all vehicles and pedestrians to enter via Capita Gate, New Writtle Street, park and/or make their way through the Main Car Park to the screening area at the Members' Gate via the ramp adjacent the Cricket School.
2. If anyone has been diagnosed with or shown symptoms of Covid – 19 within the past 14 days, they should not enter the Cloudfm County Ground.
3. Anyone entering the site will be required to complete a Covid-19 questionnaire and record their temperature as per the Essex County Cricket Covid-19 ground entry protocol.
4. Only match essential staff should attend. If possible, a list of staff, playing staff, media and any other attendees should be made available for the screening staff.
5. If any of the above people tested show signs of Covid – 19, they should not enter the Ground but should return home to self-isolate as per government guidelines.
6. Social distancing guidelines should be maintained where possible.

7. Spectators should not be allowed into the ground; this should include hospitality and committee.
8. Staff that do need to be on site should be mindful of section 6.
9. All media to be housed in the Premier Suite and should not enter the inner zone (PMOA), with exception of BBC Radio who will use their usual box.
10. While carrying out their duties, media should be mindful of Section 6 (perhaps police to ensure this).
11. Once inside the ground, staff and visitors should remain in their pre - allocated areas, until the end of the game or their duties, re - admission should not be allowed.
12. A constant supply of water should be available to all staff.
13. Consideration should be given to find a way to feed staff, so they do not have to leave the ground until the end of their duty.
14. Only essential deliveries should be allowed.

#### **Proposed Manning Levels:**

#### **Medical:**

Either 2 \* Medics24 Technicians or 2 \* Medics24 Paramedics or combination of both, Ambulance TBC

#### **Security/Stewarding:**

2 \* SIA During ingress 1 \* SIA to support Medics24 at screening point, the other to float. Once ingress is complete both SIA to patrol and re-enforce stewards if necessary.

Due to the average age of our In-House Stewards, these positions will be outsourced.

2 \* Stewards Capita Car Park Exit

2 \* Stewards Main Car Park (1 To redeploy to Shop/Players Car Park and patrol rear of school to prevent any unauthorised access.

#### **PLAYERS AND SUPPORT STAFF, Risk Mitigation away from ground**

This section outlines the processes players and team support staff would need to follow in respect of the training environment and match day setting.

All aspects of the risk reduction principles already outlined in this document must be in place. As mentioned earlier in the document, one major risk to match integrity is from environments accessed, and activities undertaken, away from the cricket venue and home environment.

#### **Player and staff conduct when not in the cricket or home environment**

- Player and staff behaviour carry a significant proportion of risk to safe training and play. Effective and safe return to domestic competition is dependent on each individual adhering to all risk reduction principles but also adopting a professional and risk averse manner at all times.
- During a competition period, players and staff will spend time recovering and not attending the risk-controlled cricket venue. During this period (including in the evenings after match days), it is important players and staff remain within their household and only conduct outdoor and safe social and leisure activities, where social distancing can be maintained. Socially distanced golf, for instance, would be acceptable, whereas meeting a group of friends in an indoor environment would pose a significantly greater risk.

# GET IN

## Travel and Parking

- All players and staff to arrive in a staggered approach and park in the main car park at the ground, Use of Public Transport discouraged.
- Car park will allow for social distancing to take place,
- All players and staff will then access the inner zone up the ramp from by the Indoor centre towards the members gate
- Entrance Times
- 7am – Car park managed
- 7.30 – 8.15 - Ground staff and stadium staff arrival,
- 8.30 – Home Team Arrival
- 9am – Away team arrival
- 9.15 – Officials,
- 9.30 – 10.30am – Media, ECC Staff arrival

## QUESTIONNAIRE AND TEMPERATURE CHECK

- The visiting team will communicate their screening results to Essex before arrival,
- All players and staff will enter via a Medics 24 location by the members gate where temp check and questionnaire screening will take place.
- Any player or member of staff showing symptoms will be sent home or the isolation room,

Picture of entrance copy



## Dressing Rooms and Players areas

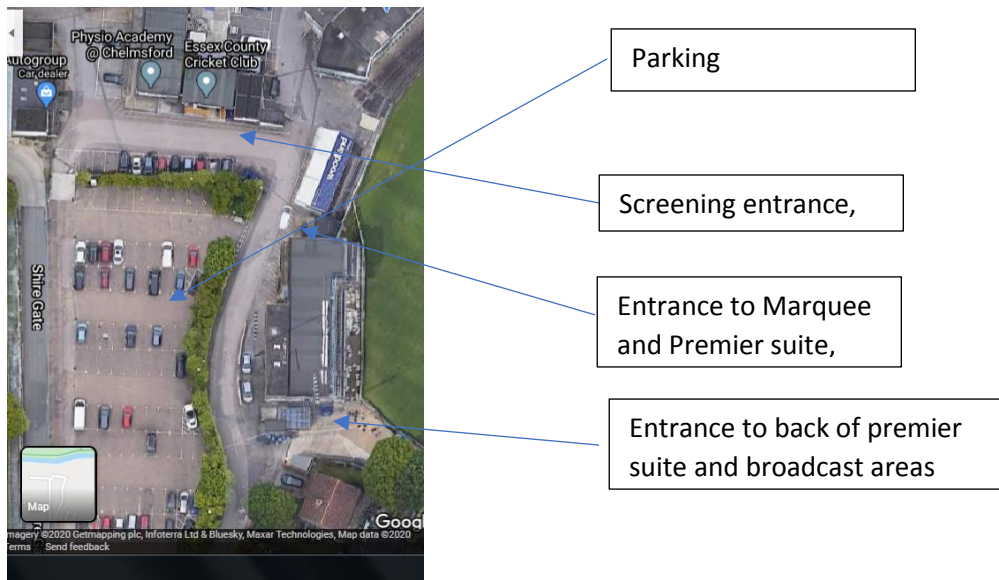
- One team will have access to the Home, Away, CEO Office, Players Restaurant areas, toilets will be the women toilet areas, seating will be on the Members benches, along with the covered area by the NTP nets.
- One team will have access to the Pavilion Marquee and lower Tom Pearce Stand, their toilets will be the men's toilets in the pavilion.
- Any member of staff entering the PMOA area outside of the players and support staff will wear a mask and gloves,
- Officials will have access to Box 3,
- Physio will have access to Box 5 and Box 4.
- All areas will be adapted to have privacy in mind.

- Pre match meeting will ideally be held outside but if not, then the One team will have access to the area behind the pavilion and the other team the lower Tom Pearce stand or the Pavilion marquee.

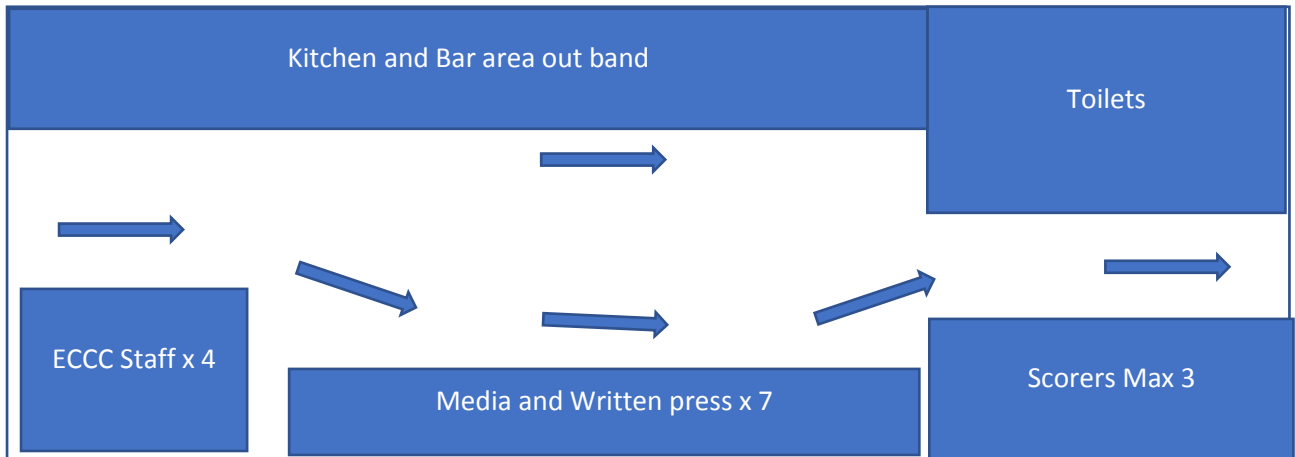
## Other Staff on site

- All other staff once through into the inner zone will be required to go straight to their dedicated functional area for the duration of the match day,
- ECB and ECCC staff, will have access to the premier marquee and the toilet in the Premier Suite,
- Scorers, will be in the committee room with all window to be open,
- Written Press, will be in the premier suite all windows to be open,
- CLO, Will be in the Riverside stand,
- Control Room, will be in the current location,
- Radio media, will be in the Riverside stand,
- Anti-Doping / Anti Corruption will be in the operations offices,
- Premier Suite – 7 written press, 4 ECCC staff area, using the back door.
- Committee Room – max 3 in the room
- Riverside stand – Scoring Box – Max 2, Press area – max 4, BBC Radio – Max 3
- Premier Marquee - Max 6 Staff and 4 ECC staff

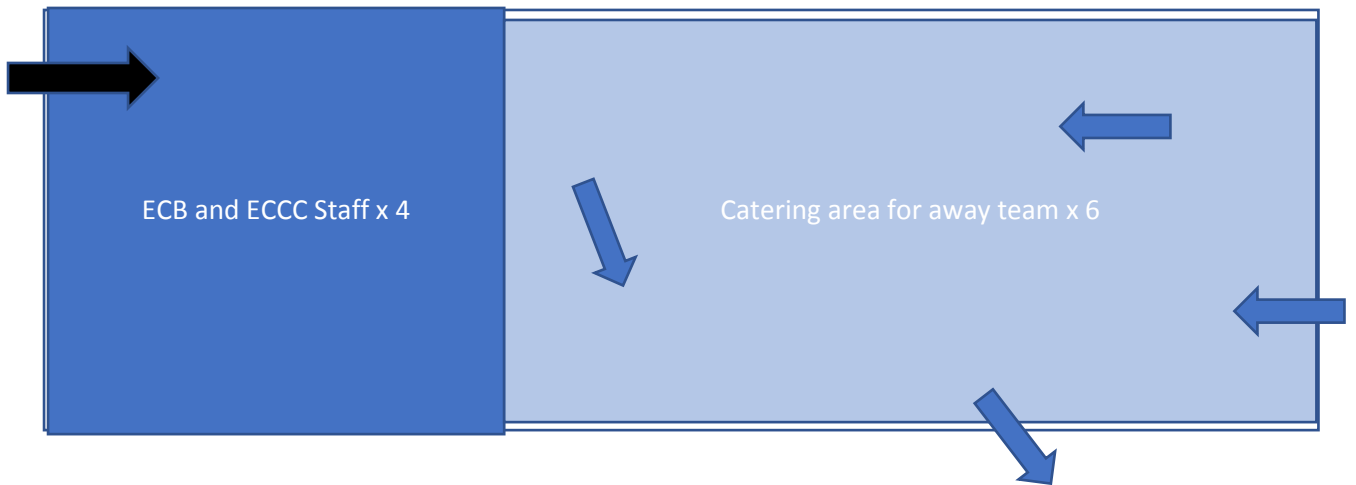
## Premier Suite and Marquee – Outer Zone, entrance and exit



### Premier Suite



### Premier Marquee

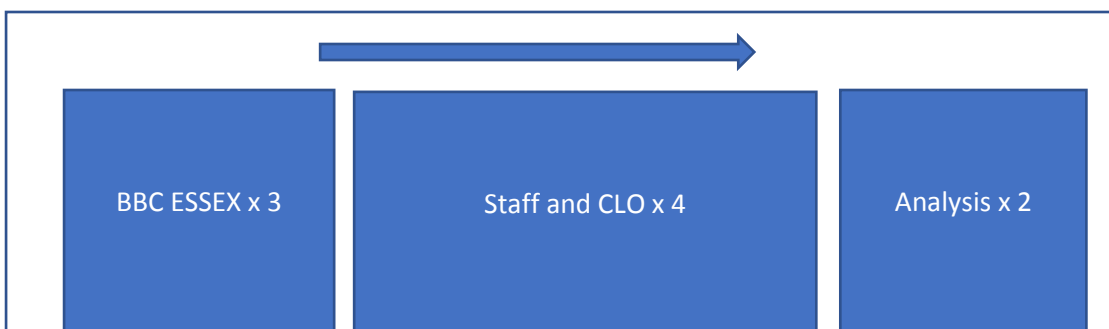


### Riverside stand



Entrance and exit from stand

CLO, Analysis, BBC ESSEX  
Below ACU, AD, Toilets



## Players areas - One-way system in place as stage 2



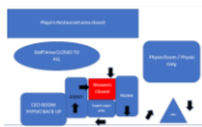
Home Team, Area, including stand,

Home Team, Entrance and Exit to ground

Away team Area, including members seating,

Away team Entrance and Exit to ground

Away team eating area,



## Officials and Physio areas – Entrance down Eagles ramp



BOX 5, Essex Physio

BOX 4, Away Physio

BOX 3, Officials

BOX 1, Isolation Room



## COMPETE

### Entrance to the Ground,

- Players will enter and exit through separate entrances to the ground, Pav team the Eagles Ramp and Marquee team via the players steps.
- Social distancing to be in place

### Match Day Warm Up

- Players to use own named equipment,
- All communal equipment to be wiped after use,
- Social Distancing and Slip streaming to be considered,
- Regular sanitising to take place,
- Avoid touching face and regular cleaning to take place,

### The Toss

- Social distancing will take place around this,
- Team sheets will be done electronically
- One skin touch on the coin

### Walk on

- This will be staggered down the players step area using both entrances Eagles Nest and Players steps,
- One team from the Marquee then second team down from the changing rooms,
- Social distancing will take place,
- Officials will join from box 3

### Viewing Area and Dug out

- One team will be able to watch from the Members benches,
- Second team will be able to watch from in front of the marquee and lower Tom Pearce stand,
- The Analysis will be located either in the dug outs or the current scoring location
- All analysis functions will be positioned with wipes and cleaning material nearby for after use,
- All paper and pens should not be shared,

### Field of Play

- Players to keep social distance awareness in place,
- Players caps and jumpers to be stored in the marked player boxes around the ground,
- Celebrations to involve no contact,
- No spitting is allowed,
- After 20mins or 6 overs whichever is sooner there will be a hygiene break with hands washed and the ball wiped down.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Man will wear mask and gloves and clean hands before entering the field.
- Players use own named drinks bottles and towels,
- Laundry needed at 60 degrees centigrade needed.

## Lunch and Tea Breaks

- One team to leave via the Eagles nest area, Second team via players steps back to the marquee,
- All players and officials to wash hands on leaving the field,
- All meals to be pre ordered and ready for breaks,
- Essex will eat in the new under covered area, Away team in the marquee,

## Catering

- Catering will be done via a airplane style delivery,
- No snack tables will be provided,
- No communal waste area either, signs will show players where to go,
- All other staff outside of the players, support staff and officials will bring their own food,
- Hygiene reminders will be in place around key touching points

## Rain Breaks / Match Delays

- The team in the marquee will sit in the lower Tom Pearce and in the marquee area,
- The team in the pavilion will have access to the covered area at the back of the pavilion, limited players up in the changing room areas along with the members benches

## GET OUT

### After Match

- No Handshakes to take place,
- No showers will be available,
- Media limited and in outdoor areas with social media in place, ideally the use of technology will be better,
- All teams will be asked to leave ASAP so that cleaning can take place as quick as possible,
- Staggered leaving to be in place for departure too,
- Once everyone has left a deep clean should take place.

## Positive Covid Test – ESSEX PHE Response

if the player develops Covid like symptoms, immediately self-isolate the player and test. This could be at the Ground, hotel or back at home.





Wait for the test result. Others continue as usual.

If test is positive – need to risk assess / contact trace and implement public health actions based on the risk assessment. Please contact PHE / Essex Public Health Team, we can help you to do this and also if you have any queries.

I.e.

1. isolate: as soon as the player experience coronavirus symptoms, must self-isolate for at least 7 days. Anyone else in household must self-isolate for 14 days from when the player started having symptoms
2. test: order a test immediately at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119 if no internet access
3. results: if the test is positive, the player must complete the remainder of your 7-day self-isolation. Anyone in the player's household must also complete self-isolation for 14 days from the day the player developed symptoms. If test negative: Player still complete the self-isolation until the player clinically recovers but no further public health action.
4. Contact Trace: NHS T&T team will call the player to identify household and community contacts and advise them accordingly.
5. Setting: Game setting / Players involved: The event organiser need to risk assess / contact trace and implement public health actions based on the risk assessment. Please contact PHE / Essex Public Health Team asap, we can help you to do this and also if you have any queries.

## RISK ASSESSMENT 4 Key values–

			
<b>Social Distancing</b>	<b>Hygiene and Cleaning</b>	<b>Education / Communication</b>	<b>Track and Trace</b>
We have created a clear flow around the ground to allow for social distancing as well as access to outdoor areas.	New and improved cleaning procedures and providing a high level of hand sanitiser	We have put in place a clear communication line and a education programme to help people understand the set up at the ground.	Using a QR code linked to a online form we have a clear process to track and trace all people who enter the site.

Areas / Use	Social Distancing	Hygiene & Cleaning	Comments – a copy of the full risk assessment is available on demand
Communication Risk and Consent			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send information to all visitors around set up at ground,</li> <li>- Communication with all players and staff around set up at ground,</li> <li>- Run ECB education programme around COVID awareness,</li> <li>- Reinforce guidelines, on Hygiene and social distancing to all each day,</li> <li>- Clear signage around the ground</li> </ul>
Identifying COVID-19 Vulnerable Persons			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Screening of all visitors to the ground to take place,</li> <li>- Questionnaire to take place for all home staff</li> <li>- Conversation with Medical officer, HR and staff around any concerns,</li> <li>- Paramedics on site too to support all visitors</li> </ul>
Equality and Access			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open policy to the ground,</li> <li>- Track and trace in place for all visitors</li> <li>- Premier Suit and Riverside stand a possible challenge but alternative in place</li> </ul>
Regular COVID-19 Screening			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education and communication of process in place,</li> <li>- Continue to review local lockdown risks in the area</li> <li>- Regular contacts with medical officer</li> <li>- All areas have a max capacity to help with social distancing and outside areas,</li> <li>- Continue to speak to the local trading standards office around set up,</li> <li>- Constant reminder around social distancing stick to functional areas.</li> </ul>
Onsite Symptomatic			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Isolation room set up in Box 1</li> <li>- Paramedics and Team DR available,</li> <li>- IF symptoms or high temp turned away from ground or told not to turn up,</li> <li>- Medical Officer will take a lead on this,</li> </ul>
Returning Covid cases.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will be under the management of the COVID Medical officer at Essex,</li> </ul>
PPE			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PPE is available at all internal site,</li> <li>- PPE for physio and medical staff is in provided to the required level.</li> <li>- Hand Sanitiser is situated around the ground and all key touching points, zonal entrance points</li> <li>- Constant review of ordering of PPE</li> </ul>
Insurance			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation from Insurance that all is in place,</li> </ul>

Minimising Injury			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Essex trading standard aware and agree with process</li> <li>- Ongoing medical of players and structure,</li> <li>- Educating all staff and visitors to the site</li> <li>- Stadium operations Director in touch with local emergency services</li> </ul>
Medical Staffing Levels			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paramedic and Technician on site,</li> <li>- Physio on site with trauma plan,</li> <li>- Briefing before start of each game around process for ground</li> </ul>
Staff Training			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ECB education along with guidance and risk assessment sent to all staff and players</li> <li>- Opt in from all staff,</li> <li>- Briefing to all visitors on arrival</li> <li>- Physio updates players on playing guidance</li> </ul>
Social Distancing			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ground Split into functional areas,</li> <li>- All areas have outdoor space or access,</li> <li>- Reminder signs around the ground,</li> <li>- Video made of plan and shared along with documents for all ahead of the game</li> <li>- Code of behaviour is in place too</li> </ul>
Capacity / Occupancy Levels			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet the requirements around social distance, staff and players spread around venue,</li> <li>- Reminder signs set up and clear zoning of the ground to help social distancing,</li> <li>- Signs to remind people of maximum people and the one-way system too.</li> </ul>
Equipment Cleaning			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following ECB guidelines for cleaning equipment</li> <li>- Cleaning stations around the ground</li> </ul>
Cleaning of all areas			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cleaning on a rotation of the ground, ongoing,</li> <li>- Clear sign of sheet around ground to show when it has been cleaned,</li> <li>- High contact point more regular clean, deep clean at start and end of day too</li> </ul>
Access control & security			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stewarding plan in place for the ground linked to the zonal system and functional areas for the ground,</li> <li>- All players and staff will go through the screening zone on entrance</li> <li>- Deliveries will be to the outer zone in the shop,</li> <li>- Safety plan agreed by the Essex trading office</li> </ul>
Indoor Space			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All indoor space will have ventilation in place with window open and doors too</li> <li>- Marquees will have sides open to provide more ventilation; these will be used as well as tom Pearce stand for cover in poor weather</li> <li>- All areas have access to outdoor areas too</li> <li>- Indoor centre is limited to 4 people and ideally only 2 nets with separate entrance and exit and close to open doors</li> </ul>
Cricket Training			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ECB guidelines in place and hygiene practice in place for sharing balls with hygiene breaks and groups of balls used.</li> </ul>
Mental Health			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Club Policy in place around mental health, number of staff have undertaken training and teams Psychologist and PCA is available too</li> </ul>
Medical Plan			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy in place and overseen by Medical officer and head of athlete development</li> <li>- Briefing to visiting teams and officials before all games</li> </ul>
Risk of injury			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Physio work with players around clear preparation for the season concerns around prep time.</li> <li>- Briefing and training for trauma on the ground is in place and practice before games start</li> </ul>
Player Welfare			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular calls with the Sports Psychologist</li> <li>- Support from the PCA too</li> </ul>
Code Of Behaviour			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is in place and being used from the start of stage 1 this can be shared with all parties.</li> <li>- Key is around the players responsibilities away from games days, especially social and club games.</li> </ul>

Record of Contac details			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By Completing the QR code form all information is stored as required to be able to track individuals this us under GDPR.</li> </ul>
Broadcast			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear area for the broadcasters set up, social distancing camera positions around the ground available, will work with ECB, and Broadcasters to meet H&amp;S and COVID plans on site.</li> </ul>