

Play Alloa: Corona Virus (COVID-19)

Statement For Parents/Carers



We are aware that our families will have concerns or questions on the outbreak of a strain of Corona Virus (COVID-19).

Play Alloa is taking regular advice from **NHS Scotland** and the **UK Government**. On their advice, we are preparing for the possibility of closing sessions and the office, should Corona Virus (COVID-19) spread, and we be further advised to do so. We will contact you should this be the case.

If you feel your son/daughter is at risk of, or vulnerable to, infection it is your responsibility to consider whether it would be best to attend sessions or not.

If you have recently travelled to an affected area/danger zone please self-isolate (ie. do not attend sessions) as per the government guidelines (currently 14 days) as others will be vulnerable.

Measures we are taking within Play Alloa

- We will insist that all staff and volunteers wash hands at the beginning of every session
- We will follow additional cleaning processes throughout our facilities at the beginning and the end of every session to ensure our equipment/surfaces are clear
- We will ensure there is plenty soap, hand gel and tissues available for service users and staff/volunteers at the appropriate times
- We will encourage all service users to wash hands at the beginning of every session: your support with this would be appreciated. Please let your son/daughter know that they will be expected to wash their hands thoroughly at the beginning of session as well as after they have used the bathroom or before they have snack

Key Messages

Based on the current position in regards to the Corona Virus (COVID-19), the key messages for the general public are:

- If you have travelled to the UK from a category 1 Risk Area in the previous 14 days and are experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should to stay indoors, call your GP or if your surgery is closed ring NHS 24 (111) informing them of your symptoms and your recent travel. Do not leave home until you have been given advice by a clinician.
- This is peak season for respiratory and flu-like illness. There will be cases presenting with symptoms of cough, fever and shortness of breath, but these are highly unlikely to be Corona Virus (COVID-19).
- The public can be assured that Scotland is always well prepared for these types of outbreak and will remain vigilant. We have a proven track record of dealing with challenging health issues and have established public health and infectious disease experts working round the clock.

- To kill germs, wash your hands with soap and water, for a minimum of 20 seconds
- If hand washing facilities are not available, please use a sanitiser gel containing over 65% alcohol but be careful your hands do not become too dry as this can also harbour bacteria
- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue
- For the latest public information on Corona Virus visit www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus
- Stay Safe

For more information regarding Corona Virus (COVID-19) please refer to **NHS Inform website**

Health Protection Scotland has produced information and guidance which should be useful and this is updated at regular intervals.

The Scottish Government summary of response arrangements for Corona Virus (COVID-19) in Scotland can be found **here**.