

Risk Assessment Activity – General Activities (COVID -19)

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<p>Overview: During the COVID-19 pandemic Pioneer’s activities have had to be modified to accommodate government guidelines. Most indoor door activities have been suspended or proper spacing and ventilation is in place as well as group bubbles and disinfecting system.</p> <p>Currently the following activities are suspended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Caving and Fencing <p>Moved to outside:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disco <p>Indoor sessions that have been adapted to have adequate ventilation and spacing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflatable challenge - one bubble/school in at a time • Archery – maximum of half the group in shooting while the other half are outdoors or in another space waiting <p>All activities will be modified to comply, wherever possible, to social distancing and other safeguards which will be laid out in the operating procedures. The risk assessment sees two main groups for activities onsite: schools (class bubble) and non-schools (all other groups).</p> <p>The overall strategy to prevent COVID-19 infection and spread on the centre activities’ programs are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not to do any of the indoor sessions except if proper space and ventilation is in place. • Groups will have their temperatures checked on the arrival day and at the beginning of each day and anyone with a temperature will be isolated and then provisions will be made for them to be sent home. Also, if any of the major covid symptoms start at any point during the program the person will be isolated and sent home. • Modify session to meet guidelines on social distancing - meeting points will be outside and clearly marked in order to ensure no mixing of schools/bubbles. If class bubbles are in use, then social distancing will not be required for those in the bubble but will need to be maintained wherever possible between participants and activity staff. When activity areas overlap and there are different bubbles using these activities then waiting points will be put in place to ensure enough space between the bubbles/schools. • Hand sanitizer will be used on sessions at the beginning and end and before and during the sessions where appropriate. • Equipment such as harnesses and helmets will be issued to the participants and used for the durations of their stay. There will be no sharing of equipment and after a group has finished their program the used equipment will either be quarantine for 72hrs or disinfected before another group can use it. • Disinfection of activities and equipment will happen between sessions if different bubbles/schools are going to use them within a 72hr period. • Staff delivering sessions will wear the PPE that guidelines suggest and if working in close proximity to ensure safety will wear mask and gloves/hand sanitizer. 			

Hazards	Groups of People at Risk from the Hazards Identified	Probability	Severity	Risk Category	Control Measures
Spreading of Covid-19 by incoming groups	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Major	Medium	<p>Modifying of activities to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed wherever possible.</p> <p>Regular times for handwashing/hand sanitizer at the beginning and end of session as well as before starting and touching an activity e.g. starting up a climb.</p> <p>Equipment such as helmets and harnesses are issued for each participant for the duration of their program and no sharing of that equipment will be allowed. This will have been disinfected or gone through the 72hr quarantine period before hand.</p> <p>Indoor Activities will have good ventilation and spacing to ensure social distancing.</p> <p>Modifying of session to meet guidelines on social distancing - meeting points will be outside and clearly marked in order to ensure no mixing of schools/bubbles. If class bubbles are in use, then social distancing will not be required for those in the bubble but will need to</p>

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Spreading of Covid-19 by staff	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Major	Medium	
Physical contact between staff and participants on activities	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Medium	Low	<p>For critical checks on harnesses and helmets instructors will need to do a physical check. This will be done using mask and hand sanitizer/gloves.</p> <p>On a rescue scenario where, physical contact may be required both rescuer and participant will immediately after rescue is finished go and wash hands/use hand sanitizer before returning to activities. Most scenarios can be dealt with through verbal</p>

					means and staff will advise nervous participants not to push too far too fast and to build up toward more challenging aspects such as heights and exposure.
Contact of contaminated surfaces such as equipment and activity elements (physical structures)	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Medium	Low	Staff and participants to use hand sanitizers before and after sessions as well as before touching equipment and activity elements. Between activities the equipment and elements to be disinfected or gone through 72hr quarantine period.
Exposure to disinfectant chemicals (Milton and Isopropanol)	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Major	Medium	Staff to be trained on how to use, refill, and store the disinfect chemicals. Spray bottles to be clearly label and stored in a secure place when not being used on equipment and activity elements.

