

Risk Assessment Activity – General Activities (COVID -19)

Pioneer Centre	Assessed by: James Kniffen	Assessed:	Next Review Date
		28/03/2022	When appropriate e.g. new guidelines are issued or situation on site requires a review
<p>Overview: During the COVID-19 pandemic Pioneer’s activities have had to be modified to accommodate government guidelines, including increased cleaning, hand sanitising and adequate ventilation.</p> <p>Indoor sessions that have been adapted to have adequate ventilation and where possible other safeguards which can included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Caving – cleaning will be carried out on weekly basis on Friday and when in use ventilation systems turned on and windows opened. • Inflatable challenge – will be sprayed down with Milton on a weekly basis up to three times a week. • Archery – doors and window may be opened for sessions and the equipment cleaned down after use. • Fencing – cleaning of equipment to be done after a session. • Disco – Windows and doors may be opened to provide good airflow/ventilation. <p>Studies and research suggest that the outdoors setting seems to be at a much lower risk for transmission of Covid 19 than indoors. Sunlight and open-air spaces seem to be the key to low transmission rates which is the main context for activity delivery. See following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-55680305 • https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(20)30561-2/fulltext#%20 • https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33307081/ • https://academic.oup.com/jid/article/222/2/214/5841129 <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"> • To make sure adequate ventilation is in place and cleaning done more regularly. • Groups are to ensure any participants from their groups do not knowingly come with Covid. • Groups will be monitored and if any of the defined covid symptoms start at any point during the program the person will asked to leave as soon as possible. • Modify session to reduce risk of transmission of Covid - meeting points maybe outside and clearly marked as possible. • Hand sanitizer is available throughout site. • Equipment such as harnesses and helmets will be issued to the participants and used for the durations of their stay where and when possible. • The centre reserves the right, where safety concerns exist, to reduce or increase group size, session times, activity provision or type. • Safety of delivery of any activity session, both of staff and participants remains the top priority and if further measures or guidance is reintroduced by the government then the centre will make the necessary changes to adhere to those guidelines. 			

Overall, the effective reduction in infection is down to not attending the centre with Covid19 and leaving the centre if symptoms present themselves. It is therefore impossible to reduce the risk of transmission to zero, and the centre provides no guarantee regarding infection of Covid19 virus and remains the participants choice to do attend site of their own volition.

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 where possible and necessary to be delivered outdoors or with adequate ventilation and cleaning procedures are in place.</p> <p>Handwashing/hand sanitizer use is encouraged by staff to participants.</p> <p>Equipment such as helmets and harnesses are issued for each participant for the duration of their program where possible. Adequate sanitizing or quarantine of equipment will be done when necessary.</p> <p>Indoor Activities will have good ventilation / air flow where possible.</p> <p>Meeting points will be outside and clearly marked where possible.</p>
Spreading of Covid-19 by staff	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Major	Medium	<p>Staff to be diligent in washing hands/using hand sanitizer and using only staff facilities.</p> <p>Staff, if feeling ill, with symptoms will take sick days to get well.</p>

					Activities staff are provided face mask (if desired) and hand sanitizer delivering sessions.
Physical contact between staff and participants on activities	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Medium	Low	Staff are provided (if desired) a mask and hand sanitizer.
Contact of contaminated surfaces such as equipment and activity elements (physical structures)	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Medium	Low	Staff and participants may use hand sanitizers on sessions. As outlined above cleaning procedures are in place to help reduce risk of transmission of Covid-19.
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.

