

**MINIS AND JUNIORS COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN 2021/22 Season**

**October 2021**

This document identifies the actions being taken to reduce the risks to players, volunteers and spectators attending Mini’s and Junior’s training during the Covid-19 Pandemic for the 2021/22 Season. It applies to all M&Js activities and has been developed to ensure compliance with the [Government of Jersey (GoJ) Covid-19 Strategy](https://www.gov.je/health/coronavirus/Pages/index.aspx) the [RFU Return to Rugby Age Grade Changes](https://www.englandrugby.com/dxdam/b9/b9cab137-774b-4111-aa5b-9651d6cd1fbc/Age%20Grade%20Return%20to%20Play%20-%20July%20Update.pdf) and the [RFU Return to Rugby Covid Management Guidance](https://www.englandrugby.com/dxdam/5b/5b238521-f4df-4cb7-8d24-10d33377be2a/Covid-19%20Management%20Club%20Guidance%20v2.pdf) This plan will be reviewed regularly with the M&J Risk Assessment to reflect the latest guidance and advice.

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| **Issue** | **Plan** |
| Groups | * No restrictions on number of participants **(GoJ)** * Coach to player ratio’s as per **RFU** guidance |
| Spectators | * Parents/spectators permitted and are not required to provide contact details and must not attend if isolating or symptomatic * Advised to maintain 2m distancing (1m minimum) |
| Contact tracing | * All players and volunteers must be registered. * Managers will liaise with the Government Contact Tracing Team where necessary and will provide names, contact details and dates of birth of attendees when requested. |
| Infection prevention | * No adult or child may attend a session/spectate if they have any signs or symptoms of Covid-19 or are self-isolating for any reason (refer to **GoJ** guidance). * Where a player/volunteer has Covid-19 confirmed, they must inform the manager. * All players/volunteers aged 12 and above are encouraged to carry out twice weekly lateral flow tests and register for the Government’s Lateral Flow Home Testing Programme. * Adults and children who have been informed by Contact Tracing that they are a ‘direct contact’ must either carry out a lateral flow test which is negative **or** have received a negative PCR test **and** must have no symptoms prior to sessions/travel. * Where there has been a confirmed case in age groups U13 and above all attendees will be asked to carry out a lateral flow test prior to the next session (or on other occasions as directed by the squad manager) * Players/volunteers who are travelling may be asked to carry out a lateral flow test before 12pm the day before travel and must inform the squad manager immediately if they have positive result so that alternative arrangements can be made. * If there are 3 or more positive cases within one age group then subsequent sessions may be cancelled to allow a ‘fire break’ (7-10 days). * All players/volunteers will need to sanitise their hands regularly and on arrival and departure. * All equipment including rugby balls will be sanitised at regular intervals. * Each player/volunteer to bring a filled named water bottle – no sharing. |
| First aid | * First aiders will wear disposable apron, surgical mask and gloves when providing first aid. * Should any attendee develop symptoms then they should leave immediately and contact the Covid Helpline (if they cannot leave immediately then they will be supervised by a first aider wearing PPE). |
| Facilities | * Changing rooms will remain closed * Toilets for player/volunteer use only will be checked and cleaned regularly |