



Risk Assessment – COVID-19 – Eastland Play Area

Reference: CV10

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Location: Eastland Play Area, Thornbury

Severity (S): The following risk assessment has been prepared to consider the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus only. It is assumed that all other safety issues are managed separately. As a consequence, the Severity (S) rating of transmission of the virus is a constant and is based upon the recipient or someone that they subsequently infect (indirect risk), requiring hospital treatment (3 out of 5).

Possible Likelihood (L): 5 (Highly likely), 4 (Likely), 3 (Possible), 2 (Unlikely), 1 (Highly unlikely)

Nature of hazard or issue increasing risk of transmission	Persons at direct risk	Likelihood x Severity = Risk Rating (Before Controls)			Control Measures Implemented	Other Control Measures Considered
		L	S	RR		
Potential overcrowding on equipment	Children and those supervising	2	3	6	Advance warning given on social media and website of safe instructions for use. Signs to advise public to avoid when busy. Signs requiring queuing for equipment, parent/carer supervision and social distancing. Signs to promote feedback and incident reporting. Signs regularly checked.	Ground markings and one-way flow considered but felt to be unreasonable as not all surfacing was suitable for marking. Monitoring of numbers using equipment considered but felt to be unreasonable due to the open nature of the park and unknown times of occupancy.
Groups of visitors in close proximity to those from outside of their support pod	All visitors and maintenance operatives.	2	3	6	Advance warning given on social media and website of safe instructions for use. Signs to advise public to avoid when busy. Signs requiring social distancing. Time inspections and maintenance to avoid busy periods. Promote feedback and incident reporting.	Ground markings and one-way flow considered but felt to be unreasonable as not all surfacing was suitable for marking. Monitoring of numbers using equipment considered but felt to be unreasonable due to the open

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					<p>Removal of some items of equipment which will help users to socially distance. Swings – where there are two swing seats in place in a standard bay, we will leave only one seat in use in each bay. We will leave at least one flat seat and one cradle seat in each play area. Basket swings – these are being removed. Although they are a fully accessible item, we know our basket swings are more likely to be used by multiple children at the same time and therefore this risk is considered to outweigh the benefits of keeping the equipment in use. No other fully accessible equipment is being removed. Signs to advise limiting the number of family members accompanying children in the play area. Signs checked regularly.</p>	<p>nature of the park and unknown times of occupancy.</p>
<p>Virus left on surfaces such as gate latches, tables or seating used by adults</p>	<p>Visitors using and members of their household, and maintenance operatives</p>	2	3	6	<p>Advance warning given on social media and website of safe instructions for use. Signs requesting handwashing and hand sanitation before entering and on leaving. Signs requesting no eating or smoking. Signs on seats reminding of social distancing guidance. Signs regularly checked.</p>	<p>Provision of hand-sanitiser was considered but the costs of a vandal-proof and weather-proof facility in proportion to the risks were felt to be excessive. It was felt to be not reasonably practicable to undertake frequent disinfecting during the days of use and will not significantly reduce the risk due to unknown levels of use. These are outdoor sites so the virus will not stay active as long as it would for indoor play areas. Propping open or removal of the gate into the play area was</p>

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						considered but it was noted that this leads into a parking/garage area and the risk of a child leaving the play area and being run over was greater than the risk associated with the use of the gate latch, particularly if the correct signage is in place. Prevention of use of seats was felt to be unnecessary if correct advisory signage is in place.
Virus left on surfaces within enclosed units where it may survive for longer periods	Children and assisting carers	1	3	3	Advance warning given on social media and website of safe instructions for use. There is no equipment of this kind in this play area. General signs requesting handwashing and hand sanitation before entering and on leaving. Signs regularly checked.	
Children (infectious) shouting close to people outside of support bubble increasing respiratory droplets	All visitors and maintenance operatives.	2	3	6	Advance warning given on social media and website of safe instructions for use. Signs to parents/carers to discourage shouting. Signs to advise public to avoid when busy. Signs requiring queuing for equipment, parent/carer supervision and social distancing. Signs regularly checked.	

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<p>Litter and PPE left with infectious material on-site</p>	<p>All visitors and maintenance operatives.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Advance warning given on social media and website of safe instructions for use. Signs requesting that PPE and litter be taken home and disposed of safely. Signs regularly checked. Reinforce standard safe waste handling measures.</p>	<p>The installation of additional bins was considered but the current number was felt to be sufficient.</p>
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