

**FC Clacton**  
**Risk Assessment**  
**In respect of the latest Government and FA advice**  
**On COVID-19**

**This risk assessment covers all matches played**  
**At FC Clacton's home ground**  
**The Austin Arena, Rush Green Road**  
**Clacton on Sea, CO16 7BQ**

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

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**Turnstile: Perceived risk LOW**

Hand sanitisers placed just inside the turnstile area and all spectators are to sanitise before entering into the viewing area of the stadium. Temperatures will be taken for all personnel entering the stadium. Anybody with a temperature of 37.8 or above will be denied entry and sent home. Spectators are required to book into the ground via Eve Pass to assist authorities with track and trace.

**Stand: Perceived risk MEDIUM**

We have a 100 seater stand on two levels which will be limited to 30 spectators who can be socially distanced in accordance with Government guidelines. A steward will police this area to ensure social distancing is maintained.

**All other areas of the ground: Perceived risk LOW**

In all other areas of the ground where spectators can watch the game, social distancing will be enforced by stewards. Spectators will be limited to groups of six (maximum) within their families or social bubbles. The upright posts which support the pitch perimeter barrier are spaced at 3 metre intervals and this will be used as a guide to aid stewards to maintain social distancing amongst spectators.

Spectators are urged NOT to pick the match ball up should it go out of play. Returning the ball by using the feet is ok. Hands will need to be sanitised should they come into contact with the ball. Match balls will be sanitised at regular intervals.

**Food outlet: Perceived risk LOW**

Stewarding in place to ensure social distancing whilst queueing.

**Clubhouse: Perceived risk HIGH**

Hand sanitising units will be placed beside the door and no entry will be allowed until spectators have sanitised.

Spectators who wish to use the bar may do so. Cash only will be accepted in the bar. Social distancing will be maintained with the aid of floor markings and notices.

All drinks are to be served in plastic, disposable glasses.

**Toilets: (both sexes) Perceived risk HIGH**

Wash basins within the toilet areas will have additional signage telling people to wash their hands.

A maximum of two people allowed into the toilets at any one time and a one in, one out policy will be adopted.

**Dressing Rooms: Perceived risk HIGH**

Dressing rooms may be used by players, but, because of their size, a maximum of FIVE people may use the dressing rooms at any one time. Players will have to change in a shift system of 5 in 5 out. All bags are to be placed under the bench seating or on the head height wall racking.

Showers will NOT be available for use.

Match officials, where possible should arrive already changed and use the changing room for storage. Where this is not possible, match officials should change individually one at a time. The shower in the match officials room should NOT be used.

On entering the pitch from the changing rooms, hands must be sanitised by using the hand sanitisers placed at the exit door.

Players should NOT enter the dressing rooms at half time unless they have been substituted or need to use the toilet. If players do use the dressing room toilets they must re-sanitise when coming back on to the field of play. Managers should give their half time team talk on

the pitch, either in the open or, in the case of inclement weather, by sheltering in the dug outs.

If the referee allows a drinks break, players must sanitise their hands at this point. Goalkeepers must also sanitise their gloves.

On field etiquette is to be adhered to as directed by the FA (no handshakes or high fiving).

At the end of the game, players and match officials are to change in their respective changing rooms under the same conditions as pre match (5 in 5 out for players and 1 in 1 out for the match officials). Social distancing directives must be adhered to at all times. Showers must NOT be used.

When leaving the ground, spectators, players and match officials will be directed by stewards to one of the three exits so as to maintain social distancing.

FC Clacton Committee