

# Risk assessment - Restarting Gliding operations COVID19

## Devon and Somerset Gliding Club

Assessment carried out by: [Pete Harmer DSGC Safety Officer](#)

Date assessment was carried out: [3 July 2020](#)

### BASIC PRINCIPLES

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT - Members must read this Risk Assessment**

**Social distancing** - close proximity (<2m) should be minimised. In the situation that close proximity is required, additional mitigation eg face coverings should be used.

**Hygiene** - when handling equipment, contact should be minimised where possible. Equipment should be cleaned and sanitised before first use of the day and at every crew change, and then after last use of the day with appropriate cleaning materials eg disinfectant wipes.

Regular washing of hands for 20 secs with soap or application of sanitiser is essential. Water station facilities have been provided at launch point and winch.

**Face Coverings** - When working/flying in close proximity in the two-seater cockpits, face coverings should be worn, provided it is safe and practical to do so.

**Vulnerability Considerations** - the vulnerability of the Instructor and pupil in two-seater operations is recognised. They must understand the risks and whether they can manage them to acceptable levels. If necessary additional mitigations need to be in place.

Consideration should be given to those using the equipment after you.

**Visitors** are being asked to stay away from the Gliding operations, Clubhouse and Clubhouse area, although it is not possible to restrict public access to the public bridleway on the South of the airfield.

**Health declaration** -. To comply with Section 1), By putting your name on the DSGC Flying List, you agree to practice the actions outlined within the Risk Assessment including the health declaration of Section 1. Members who are on site but not flying should enter their names in the non-flying section of the Flying List. Flying Lists will be held for a minimum period of 21 days, and will be used to assist Track and Trace if necessary.



What are the hazards?	Activity	Who might be affected	What action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?
<p><b>1. Contact with COVID19 infected persons</b></p>	<p>Gliding activities</p>	<p>All members on site</p>	<p>All members on site should confirm that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- they have not been diagnosed with COVID19 at any time in the past 14 days</li> <li>- they do not have any symptoms of COVID19 at any time in the last 8 days</li> <li>- they have not been in close contact with someone who has COVID19 in the past 14 days</li> <li>- they are not required to be quarantined</li> </ul> <p><b>If any of the above apply then they must stay away from the Club and follow NHS guidance.</b></p>	<p>All members on site</p>
<p><b>2. Catching COVID19 from two seat operation</b></p>	<p>Activities include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparing the site and aircraft</li> <li>- Removing gliders from hangar</li> <li>- Preparing the gliders , eg batteries, parachutes, daily inspection</li> </ul>	<p>Instructor &amp; Pupil</p>	<p>Minimise the number of people involved in each operation. Ensure hands sanitised before handling equipment. Clean surface touched after getting gliders from the hangar, including wingtips, nose of fuselage, cable release. Sanitise hands after handling equipment</p>	<p>Instructors &amp; Pupils</p>
	<p>Pre-flight activities including briefing, preparing cockpit and access</p>	<p>Instructor &amp; Pupil</p>	<p>Briefings shall be conducted outside the glider. Ideally parachutes will be used by a single pupil on any individual day. Pilots shall cleanse with disinfectant wipes, all items potentially touched by previous pilot, including wiping hard internal surfaces, canopy frame, controls, handles, instruments etc.</p>	<p>Instructors &amp; Pupils</p>



What are the hazards?	Activity	Who might be affected	What action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?
			<p>To ensure social distancing front and rear cockpit should be cleaned sequentially unless face coverings are worn. Care to be taken when entering the glider, recommended that front seat pilot enters first. Face coverings shall be worn in flight providing it is safe to do so.</p>	
	<p>Post-flight activities including exit from aircraft, retrieving gliders and preparing for next crew and debriefing</p>	<p>Instructors &amp; Pupils</p>	<p>Care to be taken when exiting the glider, recommended that Rear seat pilot exits first. After flight, Pilots shall cleanse with disinfectant wipes, all items potentially touched, including wiping hard internal surfaces, canopy frame, controls, handles, instruments etc. To ensure social distancing front and rear cockpit should be cleaned sequentially unless face coverings are worn. Debriefing shall take place outside the glider.</p>	<p>Instructors &amp; Pupils</p>
	<p>Putting gliders away</p>	<p>Instructors &amp; Pupils</p>	<p>At the end of use. All equipment likely to have been touched during the day should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes including wiping hard internal surfaces, canopy frame, controls, handles, instruments etc. Clean surfaces touched after putting gliders in the hangar, including wingtips, nose of fuselage, cable release. Batteries and parachute clips.</p>	<p>Instructors &amp; Pupils</p>
<p><b>3. Catching COVID19 from solo flying</b></p>	<p>As above</p>	<p>Pilots</p>	<p>As above cleaning regimes</p>	<p>Pilots</p>



What are the hazards?	Activity	Who might be affected	What action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?
<b>4. Catching COVID19 from ground equipment</b>	Retrieve Vehicles	Ground Crew	Only one person in front of retrieve vehicle, second person in rear. Clean surfaces, touched after use including steering wheels, gear sticks handbrakes, radio buttons. Minimise changes of crew.	Ground crew
	Winch	Ground Crew	Clean surfaces, touched after use. Minimise changes of crew.	Ground Crew
	LPV operator	Ground Crew	Clean surfaces, touched after use including steering wheels, gear sticks, handbrakes, computer keyboard, telephone, radio buttons. Minimise changes of crew.	Ground Crew
<b>5. Infecting others with COVID19</b>	Use of Clubhouse	All members on site	Minimise seating to enable social distancing. Ensure adequate ventilation when occupied by keeping doors and windows open. Restrict access to Members only. Catering operation - see separate risk assessment and mitigation	All members on site
<b>6. Infecting others with COVID19</b>	Gliding activities	All members on site	Should you start displaying symptoms after visiting the Gliding Club, you must inform the Secretary immediately, so that other members who have been onsite can be informed.	All members on site

Additional considerations for Trial Flights will be added when Trial Flights resume.

More information on managing risk: [www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/)