

Name of activity: **Kayaking & Open canoeing** Date of risk assessment: 22/07/2021 Author: Roger Harris Covid-19 readiness level: **Yellow with changes implemented by HQ 19th July 2021**

Definitions: Staff member: Adult member or young leader leading or supporting the activity.
Participant: Member of the Scout Association undertaking the activity
Organisers carry out the administration of an event, Leaders physically run the event. The two roles can be split, or combined in one person.
Organisers and Leaders will be provided with this risk assessment, an Organiser/Leader Guidance note, and a participant Guidance note, to help them fulfil their roles.
A generic invitation is under development. Organisers to use their own until completed.

Aim / Overview: To facilitate resumption of SSWAC activities within the constraints of the Scout Association Yellow alert guidelines. We expect to remain in a test and learn phase.
This is Yellow alert **version 2.0**, which has no restriction for events in relation to days, using own or club craft and equipment, by people who are novices, and who hold awards relevant to the activity, with access to the SSWAC Centre. Residential activities are not limited in numbers, other than a maximum number of 6 in a bedroom or tent. There are, however, vaccination and testing requirements.

Important note: The role of the event Leader is even more important than usual, to combat Covid-19. Especially with larger numbers, the Leader needs to remind all of the rules and to make sure they are followed. Delegating the various tasks to mitigate Covid-19 is to be encouraged.

Hazard	Risks	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage.	Risk – the chance of it happening	Participants & staff	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Transfer of Covid, person to person	All	Participants & staff	Lateral flow tests to be carried out no more than 24 hours before the event begins, and within 24 hours of the event finishing. If the first test is positive, the individual should not attend. If the first or second test is positive, report this to the NHS in the usual way, and inform the event leader/organiser.	
			The wearing of masks is optional.	
			Events for all sections and adults has no number restriction, except where that makes it difficult to manage risks.	
			Events may include members from all Districts.	
	Parents & participants guidance note, and both the generic and the Covid-19 specific Risk Assessments to be provided on booking a place on any event.			
Infected individuals	Participants & staff	Instructions by the organiser to state that participants, staff, & family members are not to attend if any has suspected Coronavirus or is self isolating, as set out in the participants Guidance note.		
Individuals who are shielding.	Participants & staff	Instructions by the organiser to state that participants, staff, & family members are not to attend if any are shielding, as set out in the participants Guidance note.		
Transfer of Covid-19 in buildings	Transfer in the SSWAC changing rooms.	Participants & staff	The following will be included in the Participant Guidance note, and the session Leader will include in their briefing: Preferably arrive and depart in water activities clothing. Participants or staff may use the two changing rooms, but for social distancing purposes, only one at a time may use the small changing room, and three at a time may use the large changing room. Alternatively, participants or staff may change in the open at the venue but need to be discreet. Advise use of dry robes or similar.	
			If the building is to be used by others within 72 hours, at the end of the session, a disinfectant spray will be used on all surfaces that may normally be touched.	
	Transfer in the SSWAC toilet.	Participants & staff	If the building is to be used by others within 72 hours, at the end of the session, a disinfectant spray will be used on all surfaces that may normally be touched.	
Transfer of Covid during rescues	Rescues may involve physical contact and/or people being within 1metre of each other	Participants & staff	Self rescue (exit and swim) to be the primary means of rescue. Assistance by peers is preferred to assistance by staff. During the briefing held at the beginning of an event, the subject of rescues that may require close contact should be discussed, and an agreement reached.	
			In the event of entrapment or panic, a staff member may need to physically intervene. The possibility of this will be reduced by selection of individuals and activities but cannot be removed.	
			We do not recommend masks for participants and staff members on the water, due to risk in covering mouth and nose on the water.	
Transfer of Covid during first aid	First aid results in closer contact.	Participants & staff	Group leaders to be supplied with 'Covid-19 Emergency Pack', containing extra items for protection against Covid-19 whilst conducting first aid.	
			Where possible, injured individual to apply self first aid In the event CPR is needed, follow current Resus Council Covid-19 guidance. If mouth to mouth is required, use a face shield from the Covid-19 Emergency Pack.	
Transfer of Covid 19 via craft and equipment	Transfer via touching face after touching equipment	Participants & staff	Event Leader to ensure all individuals wash hands or hand sanitise on arrival & departure, using their own gel.	
			Session Leader to ensure: Club equipment (spray decks, buoyancy aids, capoules) will be dunked in a large bucket of weak bleach solution, then rinsed in another large bucket of plain water, at the end of each session, if to be reused within 72 hours. Similarly, paddles will be treated with disinfectant spray or wiped with the bleach solution.	
			Session Leader to ensure: Club craft handling points will be treated with disinfectant spray at the end of each session, as they are being stored, if to be reused within 72 hours.	
			Session Leader to ensure: Participants to be reminded to clean own equipment at home in the Leader debrief at the end of the event.	
Transfer of Covid-19 in accommodation for over-night trips.	Transfer due to reduced social distancing.	Participants & staff	Those car sharing will come to their own agreement over the wearing or not of masks.	
			Lateral flow tests to be carried out no more than 24 hours before the event begins, and within 24 hours of the event finishing. If the first test is positive, the individual should not attend. If the second test is positive, report this to the NHS in the usual way, and inform the event leader/organiser. Test kits can be obtained from pharmacists and by post.	
			In common with many other organisations, and in an effort to improve confidence in such an event taking place, those 18 or over, seeking to attend an over-night event, as participant or staff, will need to produce a valid vaccination certificate.	
			The maximum in a tent or bedroom to be limited to 6.	

Reporting procedure		Participants and staff	Any participants or staff members who become ill to contact the event organiser, to facilitate track and trace, if required.	
Other diseases may be masked as Covid-19	Risk of Weils disease/Leptospirosis	Participants and staff	All control measures above	
			Participants warned of Weils disease/Leptospirosis in the Participant Guidance note, and the Leader to remind all during the Leader's debrief at the end of the event.	
			Any participants or staff members who become ill to contact event organiser, who will remind them of the above.	
Sun damage	Increased risk of sun related injury as communal sun cream cannot be used.	Participants and staff	Participants briefing note includes reminder to bring own sun cream.	
Dehydration	Risk reduced as Centre can be accessed.	Participants and staff	Participants briefing note includes reminder to bring water, or a bottle to fill.	
Normal kayaking risk profile	All "normal" risks	Participants and staff	Generic Risk assessment also supplied to Participants, parents and staff members.	

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