

The Polish Scouting Association (UK Region) (PSA UK Region) Board of Trustees continue to monitor the UK Government guidelines relating to CoViD-19 pandemic restrictions. Based on government guidelines and following advice from the National Youth Agency and YouthLink Scotland the following readiness levels apply **until further notice**:

Units finding themselves in the RED readiness level cannot have any face to face activities and must await instructions from the Board of Trustees of PSA UK Region before returning to any Amber level activities when the time comes that government guidelines are eased. In all cases units in Amber level must have risk assessments appropriately approved according to the PSA UK Region framework.

| Readiness level RED | Readiness level AMBER |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital programme delivery • No face-to-face activity or meetings • No residential activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital programme delivery • Small group sessions can take place outdoors and indoors, following government guidelines with <u>outdoor activity preference where possible</u> • No residential activities |
| <p>Applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • units in Tier 4 areas of England, • units in Level 4 areas of Scotland • all PSA UK Region units with participants OVER 18 years of age irrespective of location or tier. | <p>Applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • units in Tier 3 and below in England • units in Level 3 and below in Scotland |
| <p>Check the readiness levels of your area:</p> <p>England: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/full-list-of-local-restriction-tiers-by-area#tier-1-medium-alert</p> <p>Post code checker https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions</p> <p>Scotland: https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/</p> | <p>How many people can I meet with – participants under 18 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisers should divide young people into bubbles, with a maximum of 15 young people per bubble and up to 5 leaders (including young leaders who can be over 18 years). • Children/young people must stay in their limited group size but if necessary adults can move between bubbles, i.e. across the 25m spacing if outdoors or to a unit meeting at a different time on the same day. • Children/young people should be placed in age appropriate bubbles. • Members of each bubble should adhere to the current social distancing requirements. • Social distancing should be maintained during all activities. • Upon arrival/departure, participants should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should any member of a bubble become unwell, all members of the bubble (including leaders/visitors) should contact Test and Trace. All members of the bubble should be suspended from attendance and requested to self-isolate for 14 days or until contacted by Test and Trace.• Leaders do not need to wear face covering when delivering activities outside but should wear them for activities indoors and always follow current government guidelines.• Scouts/Guides over the age of 11 must now wear face coverings indoors. Exceptions as per national guidelines are permitted.• Organisers should be aware of attendees who are clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable and should prepare their risk assessment accordingly.• <u>Preference remains for activities outside whenever possible</u> as risk of infection is considered to be lower. |
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Singing

Singing in Scouting should be outdoors, socially distant, in a single line or a big circle. Avoid yells, shouts or volume competitions, all of which could spray the virus further.

Transport

PSA UK Region does not envisage the need for communal unit transport to meets or outings. Nevertheless, if there is a necessity for communal transport related to the planned scout, guide, or cub activities, specific attention will need to give in observing the COVID-19 safe policies and procedures to ensure that there can be no significant likelihood of infection transmission. A justification for the necessity of the communal transport, as well as a separate risk assessment will need to be submitted, checked and approved in accordance with our COVID-19 safe policies and procedures.

Risk assessments

All PSA UK Region units must have appropriate Covid secure risk assessments for outdoor and/or indoor activities approved by PSA UK Region risk assessment approvers before they can start face to face activities. Risk assessments approved before 'lock down 2' need to be reassessed by the unit leaders but do not need to be submitted for reapproval by the PSA UK Region approval team. Units that do not have a covid secure risk assessment must submit one for approval. **Please allow a two week turnaround time from first submission to final approval.**

Risk assessments should now include control measures for both outdoor and indoor activities. If you provide a risk assessment for just indoor activities only you must remember that you will not have approval for any outdoor activities. If you provide a risk assessment for outdoor activities only you must remember that you will not have approval for any indoor activities.

It is suggested that the risk assessment (even if prepared in two stages for outdoor and then indoor activities) clearly shows control measures for the two different settings – outdoor and indoor. This can be done within the one document using different colour font for the considerations.

Remember to describe giving examples your control measures.

Risk assessments are individual to every unit (každa jednotka) irrespective of whether they have meetings in the same place as other units or (within permitted guidance) join the activities of another unit. They should be the independent thought and commitment of the unit leadership team. For those less experienced in preparing risk assessments support in understanding and developing the independent thought should be given by the Regional leadership team. The base line for the risk assessment should be the template provided in the COVID-19 document section of the PSA UK Region website.

'Control measures could include' are suggestions for control measures. When completing your risk assessment you can consider these, choose those relevant to your unit and add further ones. At this point you need to remove the wording 'control measures could include' as you should be stating your decisions.

If you feel your local situation cannot be managed in a safe way, you should not re-open until you have put sufficient measures in place.

Deciding on whether to restart face to face meetings

Once a covid secure risk assessment has been approved a unit can return to face to face meetings. However, noone should feel compelled to return to face to face activities if they are not ready to do so. Re-open slowly. Run pilot sessions. Check that you are able to run meetings safely.

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