

Covid Update - Sport and Leisure

Area	Update
Pre-Booking	<p>Test and trace remains an operational requirement both for facility and activity bookings. However we have now removed the requirement to pre-book into public swimming sessions and such like – although the provision to pre-book is still an option. For those that have not pre-booked on entry to the facility a contact name and number will be taken by the reception staff for test and trace purposes.</p> <p>Activities that are highly popular such as aqua aerobics and Les Mills classes still require pre-booking (which was the norm pre-Covid) but this can be done in person, over the phone or online.</p> <p>Active Schools and Sports Development sessions have always required pre-booking by parents/guardians due to the popularity of the sessions. However bookings for these sessions continue to be accepted online, via email or over the phone (if unable to access the online application).</p>
Facility Operations	<p>Cleaning slots between each swim and fitness room slot continue to be timetabled this is to provide additional cleaning time throughout the day and provide reassurance to our customers. However greater responsibility is now placed on customers to sanitise cubicles and lockers before and after use with provision of cleaning materials freely available in changing rooms. This has been widely accepted as the norm by the majority of our customers and staff feedback has confirmed that customers are being diligent in regards to this matter.</p> <p>Swimming pools, fitness rooms, sports halls and meeting rooms all continue to operate with restricted capacities in place – this continues to affect income generation.</p> <p>Maintaining the operation of Sport and Leisure facilities remains an ongoing challenge due to Covid pressures. With facilities now operating at minimal staffing levels due to historic budget savings and the requirement for staff to isolate whilst awaiting PCR tests etc it is proving a challenge to continue the minimal staffing levels of facilities – some of which have been required to implement an emergency timetable.</p> <p>Have now removed the majority of Corporate Covid posters that were erected back in April as no longer aligning to Scottish Government protocol – only posters that now remain are relating to hand hygiene and respecting space.</p>
Swimming Lesson Programme	<p>The swimming lesson programme is back to near pre-Covid levels – there still remains restrictions due to capacity numbers and parental support for changing for younger children. In some of our facilities due to lack of space spectators are not permitted in to</p>

	<p>watch the lesson programme and are only permitted to help support the changing of the younger learners.</p> <p>Where possible Supervisors have increased the weekly lesson programme timetable to accommodate the backlog of waiting list that multiplied during the pandemic.</p>
School Lets	<p>Community groups that operated within Primary and Secondary Schools pre-Covid were granted approval to resume lets in Sept. However groups were required to submit a satisfactory risk assessment that aligned with Council protocol and relief caretakers had to be identified to accommodate these lets. A number of these groups have now resumed their lets, however due to a loss of relief caretakers connected to some schools we are currently relocating some groups to alternative accommodation.</p>
Lets in Community/Leisure facilities	<p>Community groups operating in community/leisure facilities have been operating now for several months. All these groups have required to submit risk assessments that align to Council protocol and agree to sanitise high touch points before and after let. Supervisors have reported that these groups are adhering to the new procedures and are delighted to be back operating again and having a positive impact in the health and wellbeing of our residents.</p>
Active Schools After School Activities	<p>The Active Schools teams have been delivering centralised Active Schools sessions since May 2021 in community/leisure facilities due to the restrictions in education settings. The Active Schools team have been advised during the Oct break that they are now permitted to restart afterschool Active Schools sessions within education settings as long as adherence to strict risk assessment procedures in place. Due to planning timescales it is unlikely that a large volume of afterschool sessions in education settings will take place during the Oct-Dec term – this will more likely occur from Jan 2022 onwards.</p>