



BFGC COVID19 OPERATIONS

The following policy is based on BGA guidance and on published guidance from Department of Transport. It is not meant to be exhaustive and is subject to change.

All Members:

- Members who feel unwell, especially those who have symptoms of Covid19, **MUST NOT** attend BFGC.
- Members diagnosed with Covid19 in the previous 14 days, members advised to isolate or quarantine by NHS Test and Trace, or members who have been in contact with a known or suspected case of Covid19 **MUST NOT** attend BFGC
- Members classed as vulnerable or extremely vulnerable should follow current government guidance before deciding if they should attend BFGC.
- Members are responsible for knowing, and for complying with, any “local lockdown” or tier restrictions, which may change. Members are personally responsible for complying with any restrictions on travel that apply to the tier they live in, or the tier that the club is placed in.
- Members should consider using the NHS Covid19 app to facilitate contact tracing in the event that a member develops Covid19.
- If a member tests positive for Covid19 within 48 hours of having attended the club, please contact Tracy Ashton, who will alert any members who were in close contact and may need to isolate.
- Members **MUST** comply with social distancing requirements – ideally maintain a minimum of 2M distance from each other. When this is not possible, maintain a minimum of 1M and wear a face covering.
- Please follow the “Rule of 6” – avoiding congregating in groups of more than 6 people.
- Face coverings **MUST** be worn at all times within the clubhouse.
- Face coverings **MUST** be worn during dual or instructional flights by both pilots unless it is unsafe to do so, or unless both pilots are from the same household.
- Face coverings **MUST** be worn if sharing a vehicle or the winch

- Members are responsible for cleaning the high touch surfaces of the glider BEFORE they fly- see cockpit cleaning advice
- Members should, where possible, avoid sharing parachutes – ideally by using their own parachute if they have one, or by noting the number of the bag which should be written on the board, so that they can use the same parachute again if flying later during the day.
- Members MUST regularly clean their hands – preferably by washing with soap for a minimum of 20 seconds, or by using the hand sanitiser provided.

INSTRUCTORS

- Maintain social distancing during briefings, which should take place outside
- Pre and post flight briefs should also take place at an appropriate social distance, preferably away from the glider or with the canopy open.
- Face coverings MUST be worn during dual flights, except if it unsafe to do so.
- **Minimise the number of pilots flown with to a maximum of 3 per day. Avoid sharing pupils between instructors**
- **Whenever possible fly in the same glider all day**
- If there is a need to swap gliders, ensure that the cockpit is cleaned before the flight

COCKPIT CLEANING

The cockpit should be cleaned by the pilot about to fly the aircraft using the cleaning products supplied. Pay particular attention to high touch areas such as canopy opening handles, control handles and stick, instrument knobs and buttons, harness fastenings.

Microphones- if available, use a plastic bag or Clingfilm to cover the microphone head. At the end of the flight remove this covering and dispose of it. If no covering is available, clean the neck and head of the microphone before getting into the glider.

WINCH/DP VAN

If taking over from another pilot/member, ensure all high touch surfaces are cleaned using the cleaning products provided. Use a plastic bag to cover radio microphones, which should be changed and safely disposed of, when another pilot/member takes over from you.

Maintain good ventilation by keeping doors and or windows open. If more than one person needs to be present, face coverings MUST be worn.

CLUBHOUSE

- Face coverings MUST be worn at ALL TIMES in the clubhouse.
- The clubhouse MUST NOT be used for socialising.
- If more than one person needs to use the office, the door must be kept open to aid ventilation.
- When possible try to use the one-way system in place.
- If/when internal gatherings are allowed under government regulations, the lecture theatre may be used by a maximum of 6 persons – the door must be kept open to aid ventilation and members should space themselves to allow the maximum social distancing
- When cleaning the clubhouse- focus attention specifically on high touch areas such as door handles etc.