

**Risk Assessment for Organised Meets  
Clwyd Mountaineering Club**

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Risk of transmission of COVID-19	Who might be at risk of spreading COVID-19?	Ways to control the risk	Action taken
<b>PRE-MEET (PLANNING)</b>			
Through close contact with other people during the activity	Participants Members of the public	Consider planning the activity for a less busy time and/or at a quieter location.	Meeting place and time to be selected to reduce risk. Meet earlier than usual if an area might be busy, choose a large carpark if that will give more room or limit the number of cars on a meet if a small carpark is used.
		Avoid particularly busy or narrow routes and locations where physical distancing is not possible.	Choose a quiet route and consider pinch points.
		Consider top-roping and/or single-pitch crags for climbing events	
		Give clear information about limiting the group size up to a maximum identified for the meet.	Meet organiser can decide to limit numbers
		Remind participants beforehand about relevant current government guidelines.	Welcome briefing to be carried out.
		Suggest participants bring hand sanitiser and/or anti-bacterial wipes for personal use.	Participants to bring hand sanitizer and face coverings.
		Advise participants to provide their own equipment, such as small personal first aid kit, bothy bag / survival bag, and food and drink.	Participants to bring own equipment and food
		Remind members that if they have a shielding letter or if they have any of the symptoms of coronavirus, or live with someone with symptoms, they must not attend.	Participants must to agree with COVID self- declaration

		Ensure you have a record of who has booked on.	Names and phone numbers of participants to be given to meet organiser
Through close contact with other people while travelling to / from the activity	Participants Members of the public Public transport staff	Remind participants of the current regulations regarding car sharing	Self-declaration recommends no car sharing except with your own household
		Remind participants of the current regulations regarding face coverings on public transport	Statement in self-declaration
		Remind participants about vaccination	Statement in self-declaration
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<b>ON THE DAY</b>			
Through close contact / meeting other people during the activity	Participants Members of the public	Brief participants at the start to maintain 2 metre social distancing – this is everyone’s responsibility.	Welcome briefing to be carried out
		Remind anyone with symptoms to go home / those that are not able to agree to the self-declaration statement.	Welcome briefing to be carried out
		Attendee numbers must not exceed government guidance, and must be appropriate to the style of activity, experience of participants and location used.	Meet organiser can decide to limit numbers
		Brief participants what to do at any pinch points or road crossings to maintain social distancing.	Welcome briefing to be carried out
		Check participants have a face covering and hand sanitizer. Inform them to dispose of wipes and gloves responsibly.	Welcome briefing to be carried out
		Ensure you have a record of all those who took part.	Meet organiser will collect names and phone numbers and forward details to CoVID officer
Through close contact with other people when dealing with incidents / accidents	Participants Members of the public Emergency services, including Mountain Rescue Teams	Advise the group to stay within their competency level, whether climbing, walking, scrambling or mountaineering to reduce the risk of incidents happening.	Walk planned to be within competency level of participants
		Advise members to use their own first aid kit for personal use where possible.	Welcome briefing to be carried out

		Leaders to carry PPE which must be worn for first aid treatment; mask, apron, surgical gloves and safety glasses or goggles.	Meet organiser or COVID officer to have face covering, disposable gloves and goggles
		Minimise those who need to carry out first aid to essential first aiders only, to minimise close contact with a casualty.	People carrying out first aid to be minimised
		Carry additional bags to securely wrap any disposed/used first aid equipment and associated PPE used.	Meet organiser or COVID officer to carry bags for disposal of used first aid equipment
		Ensure you are up-to-date with current guidance about administering first aid.	COVID officer to find out about current guidance
Through touching gates, stiles, fences or equipment	Participants Members of the public	Avoid touching gates and path furniture where possible.	Welcome briefing to be carried out
		Suggest participants use their own hand sanitiser and/or anti-bacterial wipes and use regularly.	Welcome briefing to be carried out.
		Advise participants to only use their own equipment, such as maps, compasses and walking poles, and not to share with those outside of their household.	Welcome briefing to be carried out.
		Do not share group shelters or bothy bags	Welcome briefing to be carried out.
		Advise participants not to share food and drink.	Welcome briefing to be carried out.
Through touching climbing equipment	Participants Climbing partner	Avoid sharing of climbing equipment - for novice meets / training ensure that there are sufficient helmets, harnesses, and krabs with belay plates for each person	Welcome briefing to be carried out.
		Inform participants of the potential risks associated with touching shared climbing hardware– protection and quickdraws – while on a route and recommend a regime of using hand sanitiser (or anti-bacterial wipes) before and after each route.	Welcome briefing to be carried out.
		Inform participants of the risks associated with putting gear in the mouth whilst placing gear / clipping ropes.	Welcome briefing to be carried out.

**AFTER THE EVENT**

	Participants	Remind participants that should they present any COVID-19 symptoms, or become symptomatic, after the activity that it is essential for them to report this to the NHS Test & Trace service. Ask them to inform yourself as well	Remind participants at end of walk
		Keep a record of everyone taking part (names and contact details) in case this is needed for contact tracing. You must keep this record securely and delete or destroy it after 21 days	COVID officer to hold and then destroy register of participants