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Overnight/Residential Guidance

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Residential/Overnight Stay Guidance

From 5 July Residential/Overnight stays may resume for EA Youth Service Funded Summer Activities, and can only be delivered within the following guidelines with appropriate risk assessments completed to ensure mitigations are in place. **New easements are effective from the 5th July 2021.**

The continued delivery of Residential/Overnight stays is dependent on all youth organisations following the outlined guidance in this document and the supporting guidance already issued through [Youth Restart \(5th Edition\)](#). As such this guidance should be read in conjunction with both documents. All easements for the delivery of youth services in Northern Ireland are subject to continued approval by Department of Education and NI Executive and may be reviewed at any stage based on scientific data relating to Covid-19.

Indoor Overnight Stays (in a building such as a Residential Centre)

- One visiting group per residential centre in a maximum bubble size of six
- Indoor overnight stays are only permitted when the group bubble has exclusive use of the indoor venue and is delivered as part of an Educational/Youth Work Programme. Venue accommodation (including indoor programme spaces) cannot be shared or accessed by other group users or the general public
- Lateral Flow Testing for Covid-19 should be provided for users prior to programme delivery and periodically throughout the programme, as advised by the Department of Health and Social Care Mass Testing guidance for staff/volunteers and participants aged 11 years or older. Participation in Lateral Flow testing is voluntary. (Register your group for Lateral Flow Tests by emailing LFDtests@health-ni.gov.uk)
- If there are additional day groups visiting the site they must remain within their bubble, meaning spaces within the site venue are isolated for the sole use of that bubble group
- Staff ratios in support of residential and day visit programmes should be proportionate to the needs of the group and to ensure the safeguarding of children and young people
- Separate toilet and showering facilities should be provided per bubble. Where separate shower facilities cannot be provided, allotted times should be provided per bubble with necessary and regular cleaning regimes between bubble group useage
- Sleeping Accomodation should be limited to one user per room, or if participants are from the same household and gender, sharing is permitted (but within the total group bubble size of six)
- Where onsite catering is provided and two or more groups are using the same site, meals must be provided in separate designated areas
- Outdoor activities/programmes should be provided within bubble groups, with clear cleaning and turnaround procedures in place before another bubble group uses the same the equipment
- For day visits the venue capacity should not exceed the current limit of the “at time” capacity outlined in the [Youth Restart Guidance](#) (Step 2 – 50%, Step 3 – 75%, Step 4 90%)
- All participants and staff follow the guidance within [Youth Restart](#) regarding:

- Face coverings/PPE
- Hand Sanitising
- Use of Transport for Youth Programme

Outdoor Overnight Stays (in tents or under canvas)

- Visiting groups must remain within a bubble, meaning designated campsite spaces within the site are isolated for the sole use of that bubble group (no maximum numbers using solely outdoor spaces, additional risk management and mitigations should be in place when working with large groups)
- Lateral Flow Testing for Covid-19 should be provided for users prior to programme delivery and periodically throughout the programme, as advised by the Department of Health and Social Care Mass Testing guidance for staff/volunteers and participants aged 11 years or older. Participation in Lateral Flow testing is voluntary. (Register your group for Lateral Flow Tests by emailing LFDtests@health-ni.gov.uk)
- If there are additional day groups visiting the site they must remain within their bubble, meaning spaces within the site venue are isolated for the sole use of that bubble group
- Separate toilet and showering facilities should be provided per bubble. Where separate shower facilities cannot be provided, allotted times should be provided per bubble with necessary and regular cleaning regimes between bubble group usage
- Where onsite catering is provided and two or more groups are using the same venue, meals must be provided only within the visiting group bubble with appropriate cleaning regimes in place between each bubble group's usage. For outdoor overnight programmes this should be mitigated further with designated outdoor cooking areas per bubble onsite
- Tents should be limited to one user per tent, or if participants are from the same household and gender, sharing is permitted
- Outdoor activities/programmes should be provided within bubble groups, with clear cleaning and turn around procedures in place before another bubble group uses the same equipment
- All participants and staff follow the guidance within Youth Restart regarding:
 - Face coverings/PPE
 - Hand Sanitising
 - Use of Transport for Youth Programme

Youth Restart & Overnight/Residential Stays

This guidance should be delivered in line with [Youth Restart \(5th Edition\)](#) in particular the relevant guidance sections, risk assessments, management flowcharts, and planning checklists outlined below:

Guidance Information Linked to Overnight/Residential Stays:

Guidance for Social Distancing in Youth Settings	Page 8
Guidance on the use of transport for Youth Work Delivery	Page 10
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Social distancing responsibilities	Page 21
Staff responsibilities and use of PPE	Page 24

Risk Assessments:

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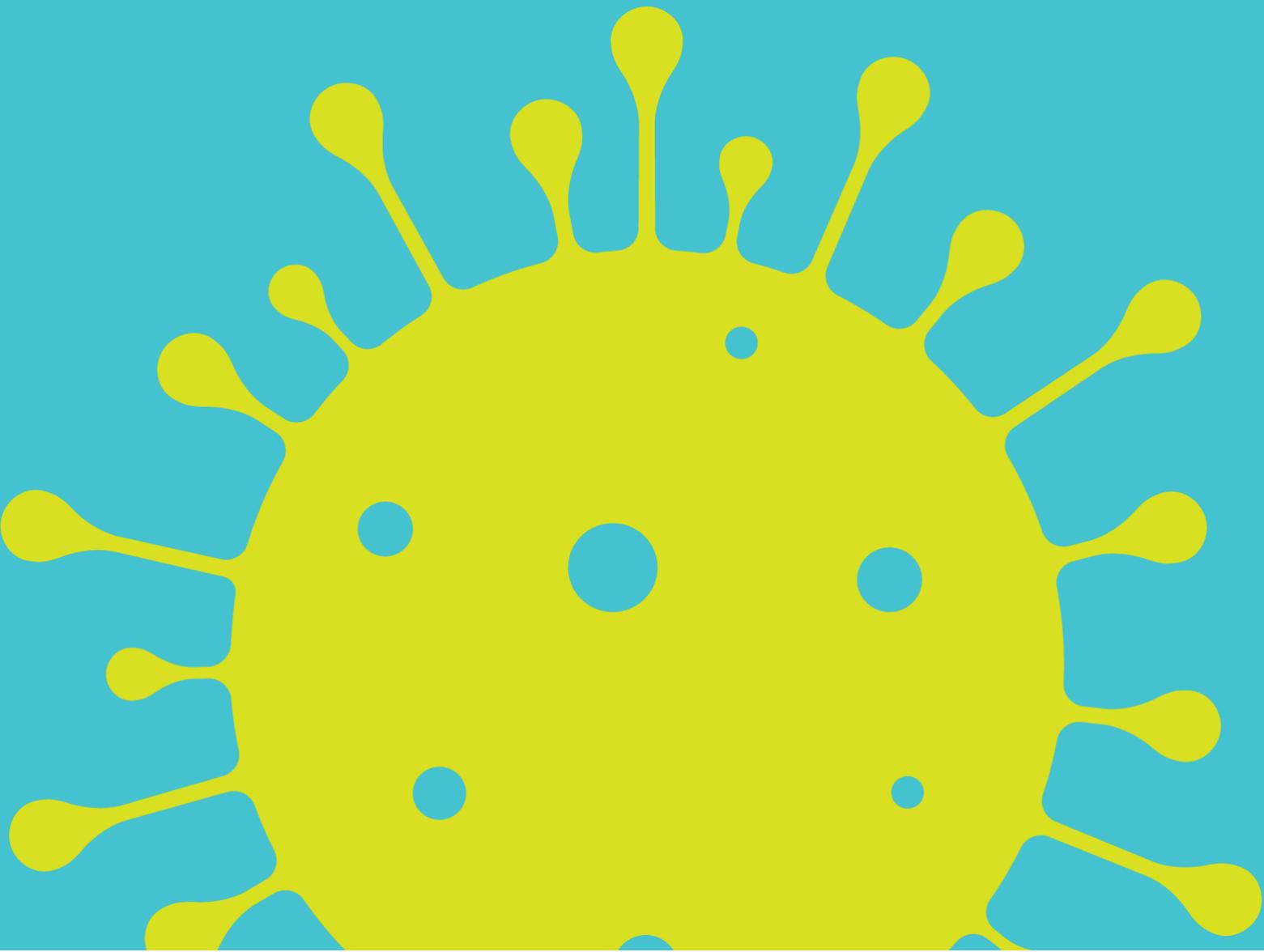
Management Flowcharts:

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Residential/Overnight Stay Risk Assessments



Residential Overnight Stay (Indoors)

Hazard	To Whom	Severity	Likelihood	Risk
Infection transmission as a result of an indoor overnight residential stay	Children and young people	1	3	3
	Staff	3	3	9
	Wider community	3	2	6
Existing Precautions		Additional Precautions	Who	When
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre visit checks completed with the overnight stay provider to ensure that Covid-19 mitigations are in place and can facilitate your requirements for the delivery of the programme safely • All staff wear face coverings/PPE when working within less than 2 metres with participants (or other staff) on the programme • Children, young people and staff maintain maximum possible social distancing within the space provided • Maximum group size of 6 young people and proportionate levels of staff only, to ensure Health & Safety and Safeguarding the group • Venue for the exclusive use of the bubble group and not shared or accessed by other users or public • Hand sanitiser points provided throughout the centre and during programme sessions with an education programme in place to ensure participants & staff regularly wash their hands • Meals are provided within the bubble groups, in particular when other users are sharing the site, with cleaning regimes in place between bubble usage • Room / bed occupancy limited to one participant per room, unless from the same household and gender • Identified Toilet and Shower Facilities provided per bubble group onsite, where separate shower facilities are not an option, allocated usage times provided per bubble with a cleaning regime between uses • Outdoor activities/programmes provided only within bubble groups, with cleaning regime between bubble uses of the same equipment • Allocated and isolated zones within the centre for bubble group usage only, with no cross over of other users, including spaces for group during “downtime” outside of core programme delivery 				

Overnight Stay (Outdoors)

Hazard	To Whom	Severity	Likelihood	Risk
Infection transmission as a result of an outdoor overnight stay	Children and young people	1	3	3
	Staff	3	2	6
	Wider community	3	1	3
Existing Precautions		Additional Precautions	Who	When
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre visit checks completed with the overnight stay provider to ensure that Covid-19 mitigations are in place and can facilitate your requirements for the safe delivery of the programme • All staff wear face coverings/PPE when working within less than 2 metres with participants (or other staff) on the programme • Children, young people, and staff maintain maximum possible social distancing within the space provided • Hand sanitiser points provided throughout the campsite and during programme sessions with an education programme in place to ensure participants regularly wash their hands • Meals are provided within the bubble groups, with designated outdoor cooking spaces within the groups campsite area • Tent occupancy limited to one participant per tent, unless from the same household • Identified toilet and shower facilities provided per bubble group on campsite, where separate shower facilities are not an option, allocated usage times provided per bubble with a cleaning regime between uses • Outdoor activities/programmes provided only within bubble groups, with cleaning regime between bubble uses of the same equipment • Allocated and isolated zones within the campsite for bubble group usage only, with no cross over of other users, including spaces for group during “downtime” outside of core programme delivery 				