



Protocols for visiting teams to Highfield during Covid-19 – Level 3

A. Before the visiting team enters Highfield

Before the team enters the grounds, the visiting team's Compliance Officer must confirm to the Highfield's Event Compliance Officer that all the panel including all players, coaches and other officials have completed the "*Pre-Return to Rugby Personal Assessment Declaration*" form.

B. On entry to Highfield

1. The visiting team should arrive no more than 5 minutes before warm up and as per IRFU guidelines. There are no dressing rooms available. All players to arrive in kit i.e. only need to change footwear and match jersey.
2. The club operates a driving one-way system. All visiting team members, coaches, team officials must use the carpark at the far side of the main pitch to the left of the Astro pitch.
3. On arrival the visiting team's Compliance Officer must make contact with Highfield's Event Compliance Officer to confirm; warm up area to be used prior to and during the match, hand sanitiser station(s), toilets to be used, designated location for physio etc.
4. With the exception of using the toilet facilities provided, all visiting team players, coaches and team officials must remain on the same side of the pitch as they have parked (far side from the clubhouse). It is advised that all maintain social distancing as per IRFU and HSE guidelines.

C. Facilities available on site

One of the dressing room doors will be clearly marked as **VISITING TEAM** and this can be used by players as a toilet facility.

Note: Dressing rooms are currently to remain closed for changing/showering. Under no circumstance can any changing be facilitated under IRFU guidelines in relation to dressing rooms.

Dressing rooms can be used by the team physio for strapping players, IRFU guidelines state, "*only one player can be in the room with the physio at any one time*".

D. Post-match

1. Post the completion of the match all visitors must leave Highfield in a prompt manner.
2. The visiting team should remove all their items from the pitch. Nothing should remain on site which belongs to your team.
3. All used water bottles and other materials (tape etc.) used in the course of the match should be put into a bag and taken away for disposal.