**Readiness levels** Polish Scouting Association (UK Region) – Okręg ZHP w Wielkiej Brytanii **06 May 2022**

The Polish Scouting Association (UK Region) (PSA UK Region) Board of Trustees continue to monitor the UK Government guidelines relating to CoViD-19 pandemic restrictions. Based on government guidelines and following advice from the National Youth Agency and YouthLink Scotland the following readiness levels apply **until further notice and in all cases units must:**

* **Have Covid compliant Risk Assessments for normal weekly activities (BOTH outdoor and indoor)**
* **Have Covid compliant Risk Assessments for residential activities**
* **Maintain robust hygiene measures incl. hand, equipment, surface and venue (where applicable) cleaning**
* **Face coverings to be worn where appropriate and/or required**
* **Social distancing is maintained where good ventilation is not possible**
* **Remain vigilant, accountable and responsible**

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| **Readiness level GREEN ENGLAND**  **from 06 May 2022 – all age groups** | **Readiness level GREEN SCOTLAND**  **from 06 May 2022 beyond Level 0 at home local authority - All age groups** |
| * Digital programme delivery * Group sessions can take place outdoors **AND** indoors, following government and PSA UK Region guidelines * Trips permitted– stay responsible * Residential activities – see below   **How many people can I meet with –**   * **OUTDOORS** no limit on group size but remain responsible. * **INDOORS:** No limit on group size, number limited by size of location and ability to safely manage risk of transmission of Covid-19. Social distancing and face covering is not mandatory but is still encouraged when in poorly ventilated spaces. * Registered leaders can run more than one meeting per day in the same location subject to appropriate cleaning between sessions. * Lateral flow tests for normal weekly activities is not required but leaders must continue to stress that participants including all adult leaders/volunteers must not attend meetings if infected with Covid. * It is highly recommended that prior to large events (eg: festyn, regional meetings) and in consideration of all those taking part from various destinations participants are asked to check for Covid infection by doing a lateral flow test at home.   **Maintain full attendance records at every meeting**.  INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL permitted **READ FURTHER INFORMATION BELOW** | * Digital programme delivery * Group sessions can take place outdoors **AND** indoors, following government and PSA UK Region guidelines * Trips permitted– stay responsible * Residential activities – see below   **How many people can I meet with –**   * **OUTDOORS** no limit on group size but remain responsible. * **INDOORS:** No limit on group size, number limited by size of location and ability to safely manage risk of transmission of Covid-19. Social distancing and face covering is not mandatory but is still encouraged when in poorly ventilated spaces. * Registered leaders can run more than one meeting per day in the same location subject to appropriate cleaning between sessions. * Lateral flow tests for normal weekly activities is not required but leaders must continue to stress that participants including all adult leaders/volunteers must not attend meetings if infected with Covid. * It is highly recommended that prior to large events (eg: festyn, regional meetings) and in consideration of all those taking part from various destinations participants are asked to check for Covid infection by doing a lateral flow test at home.   **Maintain full attendance records at every meeting**.  INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL permitted **READ FURTHER INFORMATION BELOW** |
| **Readiness level GREEN ENGLAND**  **Residential activities – all age groups (except skrzaty)**  **from 06 May 2022** | **Readiness level GREEN SCOTLAND**  **Residential activities – all age groups (except skrzaty)**  **From 06 May 2022** |
| **Domestic Residential activities** (under canvas or in residential buildings): No limits on numbers including for travel, age groups can be mixed, face covering as per guidelines below.  **Accommodation**: multi-occupancy in rooms/tents with no limits on numbers.  COVID measures such as Covid risk assessment, good ventilation hygiene and cleaning measures remain in place, even overnight. Responsible social distancing in poorly ventiated places. PSA UK Region continues to require lateral flow testing for all persons 11 years for overnight stays.   * All participants over 11 years old must provide the leadership team with evidence of a negative lateral flow test immediately prior to departure. * All participants must bring one spare lateral flow test to the overnight activity. This will be used if circumstances require further checks during the event or at the end of the event. * All visitors to overnight activities (eg. Activity providers, parents day visitors) must provide evidence of negative lateral flow test prior to attendance on activity site.   Maintain full attendance records throughout residential event.  **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL** Visits abroad can resume. Leaders planning a foreign visit must consult first with the Regional and UK Commissioner and must follow all [FCDO travel](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) advice. Covid secure risk assessments must be approved and that trips are safe and accessible. Changing government requirements in both host and home countries must be considered at all stages of planning and during trips. See separate Covid 19 Guidance and regulations for international travel 27 03 2022 | Domestic Residential activities (under canvas or in residential buildings):  **Numbers:** numbers limited by venue capacity, physical distancing is not required indoor or outdoor.  **Accommodation occupancy**: Multi-occupancy in rooms/tents no limit on numbers based on Covid level protection zero at the home local authority.  COVID measures such as Covid risk assessment, good ventilation hygiene and cleaning measures remain in place, even overnight. Responsible social distancing in poorly ventiated places. PSA UK Region continues to require lateral flow testing for all persons 11 years for overnight stays.   * All participants over 11 years old must provide the leadership team with evidence of a negative lateral flow test immediately prior to departure. * All participants must bring one spare lateral flow test to the overnight activity. This will be used if circumstances require further checks during the event or at the end of the event. * All visitors to overnight activities (eg. Activity providers, parents day visitors) must provide evidence of negative lateral flow test prior to attendance on activity site.   Maintain full attendance records throughout residential event.  **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL** Visits abroad can resume. Leaders planning a foreign visit must consult first with the Regional and UK Commissioner and must follow all [FCDO travel](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) advice. Covid secure risk assessments must be approved and that trips are safe and accessible. Changing government requirements in both host and home countries must be considered at all stages of planning and during trips. See separate Covid 19 Guidance and regulations for international travel 27 03 2022 |

**\* Additional current information**

* It is important to remember that **we are still in the middle of a pandemic**, we have a duty of care to remain responsible and accountable by following government and PSA UK Region recommendations.
* Additional information for residential and international activities is provided separately.
* **Face coverings**: Face coverings are no longer compulsory or required by law in any of the UK countries but we recommend activities are carefully considered and practice should remain Covid secure. This may change at short notice and leaders should stay vigilant to government directives.
* **Social distancing**: is no longer required in any of the UK countries but leaders must stay vigilant to government directives. It continues to be highly recommended in poorly ventilated places.
* **Lateral flow tests**: instructions for overnight stays for participants, leaders and visitors as above. First aid kits for overnight stays must be equiped with spare tests. Tests can be obtained through chemists and through the internet.
* **Contact sport** (e.g. Volleyball, dodgeball) - ensure you consider robust hygiene measures for all activities and continue to maintain good hand and equipment cleaning regimes.
* **For visits**: follow third party venue restrictions and/or requirements.
* Be aware of attendees who are clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable and those who wish to continue to wear face coverings and socially distance and prepare your risk assessment accordingly.
* **Revisit your risk assessment**. Activities covered within your risk assessment may not currently be permitted or are now possible. Revisit the risk assessment in accordance to current guidelines and recommendations.

**Transport:** Current government guidelines for Green level permit activities for organised youth groups. You can use any form of transport as long as you do it in a Covid-secure way and you have considered this in your risk assessment for transport.

The Board of Trustees of PSA UK Region will continue to monitor the UK Government guidelines relating to Covid-19 restrictions.