



# Port Elizabeth Deep Sea Angling Club

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## **PEDSAC Covid-19 General Risk Assessment Information**

### **Our Golden Rules at Alert Level 3.**

**Do everything you can to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.**

1. COVID-19 is still out there. Play it safe.
2. Keep your distance from other people in public.
3. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.  
If you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Health line and get tested at **Port Elizabeth Provincial Hospital, Dr Howard Newman, HOD, 041 395 6152**
4. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
5. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, regularly disinfect surfaces.
6. If you have been told to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
7. Keep a track of where you've been and who you've seen

### **What are the rules about physical distancing?**

At Level 3 we can leave our bubbles and reconnect with close friends and family again under strict conditions. We still need to be careful and socialise safely to keep COVID-19 under control.

- Socialise with people you know and keep track of where you've been and who you've seen.
- When out in public keep your distance from people you don't know. Aim for 2 metres where possible.
- Do not gather in groups of more than 50 people. This includes taking part in non-contact sports, training and any form of play or active recreation.
- Sport and recreational activities as allowed under Level 3 permitted items, can't take place where more than 50 people are present in one venue, even if all participants maintain a 1.5 metre physical distance at all times and all other public health and safety requirements are in place.
- On public transport don't sit next to someone you don't know – keep the seat next to you empty. There will be limited capacity, so limit your use of public transport at peak times if you can.
- If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (cold and flu like symptoms), you should be staying at home, and you should not go to work, socialise with anyone or practice any permitted sport or recreational activity such as angling.
- If you are self-isolating because you have been tested for COVID-19, or have been diagnosed as a probable or confirmed case then you should not leave the house other than to seek medical attention

## **What if I'm somewhere that's very crowded?**

You should avoid places where it's difficult to keep your distance. If a public space becomes too crowded to maintain distancing (1.5 - 2 metres), you should consider leaving. This includes public spaces, shops, malls and sport fields.

## **What is a gathering?**

A gathering is a group of people who are intermingling, and includes both public and private activities, but does not include activities where people remain 1.5 - 2 metres apart (e.g. people at a playground or park) or activities undertaken on a business premises or curricular activities within an educational facility. Gatherings include parties, weddings, funerals, religious gatherings, etc.

Gatherings are not: offices or work sites (including professional sports, gyms), supermarkets, educational facilities, retail stores, cafes, public transport, hospitals, prisons, or malls (all of whom have their own measures in place to prevent transmission).

Gatherings are not people going to a public venue or for a walk or jog where other people are present.

For indoor venues like a shopping mall, there are guidelines for operating safely. There are two types of gatherings relevant to sport and recreation:

- Gatherings of friends – where everyone knows each other
- Lower-risk gatherings – where not everyone knows each other and therefore someone keeps records to enable contact tracing.

## **Do the gathering rules apply to our recreational sport?**

Yes. If a gathering is at a public or private venue like our club where boats get launched and retrieved (both indoor and outdoor), then the club committee is responsible for making sure that the following measures are met:

- There are no more than 50 people in any one gathering when anglers enter our club to sign the logbook before launching.
- Keep 1.5 - 2 metres between individuals or other groups of people who don't know each other unless the gathering is in a facility where contact details of attendees are being recorded in which case the distance is 1 metre.
- Keep a register of the contact details of everyone that attended if they do not all know each other. (The logbook at club will serve this purpose, so make sure that all details are filled in correctly.)
- People with cold and flu symptoms do not enter the harbour, or crew on boats.
- Surfaces at the club are wiped down regularly with disinfectant
- Facilities for regular and thorough hand washing with soap and water and drying, or hand sanitiser are provided.

## **Why are gatherings limited?**

In situations where people come into contact with each other, such as contact sports or contact activities, this is classified as different to settings where people can train or participate while remaining physically distant at all times. Gatherings are limited to 50 or fewer to limit the risk of a viral spread to large groups of people. People managing gatherings need to have robust plans in place covering hygiene, sanitation, distancing and contact tracing.

## **Do I have to provide my contact details when I go fish?**

If a venue or premises is required to record contact details of persons passing through, then you must provide them. The club need this information so that if you are able to be contacted if there is a possible or confirmed case of COVID-19.

## **How do I know that it is safe for me or my children to attend and participate in sport?**

Each business, organisation or individual who is running a recreational sport activity must have a COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan in place. This plan sets out hygiene/sanitation and contract tracing measures specific to their facility and the activity being undertaken. If you would like to be sure it is safe to attend you can request to see the plan. If there is no plan the business or organisation should not be operating.

## **Do we need to maintain physical distancing when engaged in the recreational fishing activity?**

Yes, you need to maintain reasonable social distancing while engaging in your fishing activity on the deep sea fishing vessel. Minimizing the crew load factor to the minimum will help ensure that there is sufficient space to maintain reasonable distancing between anglers.

## **Can I travel for inter-club sport?**

No, SADSAA has suspended all competitions until further notice.

## **How many people are allowed on the club premises?**

No more than 50 persons are allowed at any given time to be present on the club premises.

The foyer where the vessel logbook is situated will be limited to a maximum of 2 persons to ensure sufficient social distancing of 1.5 – 2 meters.

Bathrooms will be limited to a maximum of 4 persons at any given time based on available ablutions and sufficient space to maintain social distancing of 1.5 – 2 meters.

### **How far can I travel for recreation?**

Inter-regional travel is not permitted for recreation. You are required to remain within your provincial borders.

### **Do I need to worry about keep records for contract tracing?**

When exercising or recreating we recommend you take note of who you have been with and where. For example, make a note of your activities and when. If going on a fishing trip with other anglers on a fishing vessel, someone in the group needs to record the names of the anglers on the logbooks and disclosure forms provided by the club on the premises prior to launching your vessel.

### **Should I clean my equipment?**

Where practical, this is recommended before and after each use.

### **Do I need to maintain physical distancing?**

Yes. To the greatest extent possible stay 1.5 - 2 metres apart from people you do not know. For example, when entering the club premises, do so in single file when approaching others and give them a wide berth when passing. You should also involve lingering before entering the club foyer or bathrooms to ensure that minimum persons are present to avoid unnecessary contact with other people.

### **Can we go boating/sailing?**

Yes, boating is allowed at Alert Level 3. This includes motorised boats, yachts, dinghy's and jetskis.

Yours Faithfully,



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Chairman.