

HCC COVID-19 Specific Cleaning Procedures

Introduction

To prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus it is essential that there is appropriate cleaning of HCC equipment and our lake side facilities.

These cleaning procedures are intended to help volunteers ensure a safer environment for HCC members and are agreed in conjunction with Stanton Lakes.

General Principles

The purpose of these cleaning procedures is to reduce the likelihood of the people come into contact with the virus and the likelihood they will become infected. However, this does not mean that equipment or surfaces are 'clean'.

All surfaces should be considered as 'dirty' and hands sanitised (as per normal paddling practice) before consuming food or drink or touching your face or mouth. This is particularly relevant for high contact surfaces such as gates and container padlocks.

The infection risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) following contamination of the environment decreases over time. It is not yet clear at what point there is no risk. However, studies of other viruses in the same family suggest that, in most circumstances, the risk is likely to be reduced significantly after 72 hours.

Confirmed/Suspected Coronavirus Case

The cleaning steps outlined are applicable during general use of the site. Additional steps should be taken in the case of a suspected/confirmed case of COVID-19. These are:

- Wear disposable aprons for cleaning. These should be double-bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish after cleaning is finished
- If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible bodily fluids, from a person with coronavirus (COVID-19), use protection for the eyes, mouth and nose, as well as wearing gloves and an apron
- Use hand sanitiser after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning.

All the above PPE is provided in the Greeter Box if needed.

Cleaning Supplies

Use of 'disposable wipes to clean all hard surfaces touch points with disposable non latex gloves.

If extend to long term "Hard Equipment" kit loans could use 'a disinfecting product that is suitable to kill enveloped viruses' – such as **Dettol Surface Spray**.

The instructions for Dettol Surface Spray are:

1. 'Turn red nozzle to On position.
2. Simply spray directly on to surface.
3. Wipe over with Clean cloth & Allow To Dry.
4. No need to rinse'.

Used wipes or kitchen roll cloths used with Dettol Surface Spray must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags and disposed of as normal waste.

Appropriate cleaning products will be located in the Greeter Kit Box (a clear plastic box marked HCC Cleaning Equipment). If this runs low, please let Committee know e.g. via Facebook Page or email membership@hinckleycanoeclub.co.uk

Hard Equipment

Hard equipment should be **checked before and after** use, and **cleaned after use** using the steps below:

1. Issuer and user to **check** the equipment for any damage or invasive species
2. User to be asked to **clean** any common touch points, for examples
 - a. Paddles - Shaft/T grip
 - b. Canoes - Handles, gunnels, seats, kneeling thwart, yoke
 - c. Kayaks - Handles, cockpit rim, ratchets
3. On return only, ask user to **dry** the equipment by placing back on the racks
4. Users to **sanitise their hands** after cleaning equipment.

Soft Equipment

Cleaning is more difficult for soft equipment such as Buoyancy Aids and Spraydecks as disinfectants can damage the materials. There is not a consensus at the time of writing on suitable products.

Soft equipment will be quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours to reduce the amount of any active virus before being put back into circulation. It will not be actively cleaned.

Anyone handling the Soft equipment to **sanitise their hands** after contact with the equipment.

General Site Cleaning

As there is currently no access to toilets, showers or changing areas there will be no specific cleaning procedures. However, these areas of the site are the responsibility of Stanton Lakes.

References

1. [Department of Health - Guidance: COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings](#) - accessed 06/06/2020
2. [COVID-19 Update: Guidance for British Canoeing affiliated clubs](#) - accessed 06/06/2020
3. [Back to Paddling with Covid 19 - Hou Canoes](#) - accessed 06/06/2020

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