**This guidance applies to matches played in Step 4 of the ECB Return to Cricket Roadmap and will be updated in the event of further guidance.**

**Pre-match**

* **Symptoms:** If you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid 19 please DO NOT attend or attempt to play.
* **Sanitiser:** Bring your own sanitiser if possible. If not, sanitiser will be made available.
* **Refreshment:** Bring your own drinks. There will be drinks breaks during the game but no drinks will be provided. Similarly no food will provided so you must make your own provision.
* **Arrival time:** do not arrive at where you are playing any more than 10 minutes before the agreed time your warm-up has been arranged.
* **Parking:** It is not possible for the Club to have a separate entrance and exit for vehicles. Please bear this in mind when arriving, parking and leaving.
* **Changing rooms:** the changing rooms will only be open so the toilets can be used. They are NOT to be used to change or for showering. The guidance is players should turn up in their playing kit.
* **Social distancing:** When at the Club please maintain social distancing at all times.

**During the match**

* **Sharing of equipment:** the guidance is that this should be avoided where possible and where not, strict hand hygiene practised.
* **The ball:** no sweat or saliva is to be applied to the ball at any time. Take steps to minimise the number of people who handle the ball when it is being returned to the bowler. Do not give the ball to the umpire at the fall of a wicket or at a break. Place it at the base of the stumps/
* **The stumps:** the umpire is responsible for the stumps at the start and end of the innings and when broken.
* **Bowlers**: umpires cannot hold any of your items when you are bowling. It is your responsibility to place them at the boundary.
* **Batters:** running lines will be marked either side of the square in line with the popping crease at 2m intervals to indicate where the non-striker should run. Batters should be sanitise their bats when leaving the field of play.
* **Keepers:** should sanitise their gloves when leaving the field of play.
* **Sanitising:** all players should clean their hands before the start of play and during each break. Breaks are required every 6 overs/20 minutes when hands should be cleaned.
* **Social distancing:** this must be maintained at all times – in particular after the fall of a wicket and during team talks.
* **Access to the Clubhouse:** please do not enter the Clubhouse during the game.
* **Breaks in play:** in the event of rain or a break in play, players should wait in their cars or under the outdoor marquee.
* **Umpiring:** if you are called on to umpire: do not handle the ball; do not handle any clothing from the bowler

**Post-match**

* **Shared equipment:** if you have borrowed any equipment it is your responsibility to clean that equipment before returning it. Any used match balls should be returned to the Captain for cleaning.
* **Access to the clubhouse:** this is permitted after the game has concluded.