

Covid Report

The status and process of Positive COVID 19 cases has changed considerably since the start of the 2021/22 season. In accordance with Government and England Netball guidelines strict measures were put in place to ensure participants, officials, Redbridge Sports Centre and spectators were informed and kept as safe as possible, whilst in the netball environment. In conjunction and in line with Redbridge Sports Centre's Risk Assessment and Mitigation plan, restricted spectators, attendance, and access to facilities were reduced and monitored, in line with government changes. Positive cases were notified to club COVID officers, Essex Met Lead Covid Officer and Redbridge Sports Centre. Enhanced cleaning protocols were implemented by RSC and the COVID 19 Protocols for EMNA were commenced. Between September 2021 and March 2022, we had a total of 17 notified positive cases. Isolation periods were determined by NHS guidelines and players were requested not to return to any netball activity before an agreed date if no further symptoms were evident. The period of isolation from netball activity reduced during this time., in line with Government guidelines. As of April 2022, whilst COVID 19 cases in the country have increased, notification to EMNA has declined. This was likely impacted by progressive Government changes to the behaviour of the double vaccinated and isolation periods, if any, if COVID 19 positive. However, we have requested our members to not attend any netball activity in line with EN guidelines if test positive for COVID 19.

We have kept all our members updated with changes by various means including emails, posted visual notification at Redbridge Sports Centre and social media; EMNA Website, where current EMNA Protocols and Risk Assessment are available. The EMNA committee, along with the Lead Covid Officer, have been available on match days to answer any queries or signpost to where up to date information is available.

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