



Statement for Instructors, Sub-contractors, Volunteers and Clients

Nathan Beard Ventures expects to assess workplace risks as a normal practice and will consult other providers, sub-contractors and clients to ensure good practice.

It is important for instructors / sub-contractors / clients to note that if you, or a member of your household, are unwell with symptoms of Coronavirus you should inform the event Chief Instructor immediately and should not travel to or attend the venue. If you are at the venue already then you should cease activities immediately, contact the Chief Instructor, and take steps to isolate and remove yourself.

If you are self-isolating as a result of COVID-19 and thus unable to attend a booked event Nathan Beard Ventures recognises that these are unusual times and is open to re-booking such clients on an alternative event within 18 months of the original booking. In this way clients can be assured they will not lose money paid for tickets when affected in this way.

There is no specific government guidance for Bushcraft companies. Nathan Beard Ventures will comply with the government 'reopening businesses and venues in England' guidelines for people who work in or run outdoor working environments, published by the Department for Business.

All instructors and sub-contractors should familiarise themselves with the following guidance:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-covid-19/construction-and-other-outdoor-work>

From 12th April 2021 overnight Wild Ventures Events re-opened as the ventures involve 'self contained' outdoor accommodation, which will be used in conjunction with clients own personal sleeping systems (e.g. sleeping bag / mat / camp bed).

All events will operate within government-approved group sizes, these are different from "Social" gatherings as people are entering a COVID-Secure Workplace.

Event Specific COVID-Secure Methodology Statement

Operation: running of all event activities with adherence to government specific advice

Site: Main Events – East Sussex
Other Client Specific Locations for Bespoke events

Training: This document forms part of the training for instructors / sub-contractors for managing a COVID Secure workplace.



Activity and actions expected:

1. If an Instructor, sub-contractors or client wishes to remain socially distant from others they should feel free to make this known to the Chief Instructor and efforts will be made to enable this preference – including the avoidance of hand shaking, kissing, other physical contact.
2. Events at the Hyde Estate will have no more than 15 clients.
3. Instructors, sub-contractors and clients will be encouraged to increase the frequency of hand washing. Hand washing stations shall comprise a suspended jerry can with elbow-lever tap to ensure water flow (or a similar hygienic system), and solid soap suspended beneath the tap on a cord. In this way the risk of cross infection is minimised.
4. All clients are requested to bring their own anti bacterial gel.
5. A face guard is available for any instructor or subcontractor who wishes to use one. Face guards once issued, must only be used by one person.
6. Instructors, sub-contractors, and clients should alert the Chief Instructor if they are within the clinically vulnerable, or extremely clinically vulnerable category, or if they live with anyone who is in either of these two groups. A separate risk assessment will be undertaken for those individuals.
7. The risk assessment will be available for instructors, sub-contractors and clients.
8. There should be no sharing of equipment unless the client has washed their hands before and after use- e.g. bow saw.
9. Where appropriate to the activity all clients shall be provided with their own cutting tools, (knife and saw), these tools shall be disinfected before and after each course. These tools once issued shall be for the client's personal use.
10. Kitchen surfaces (e.g. table) should be disinfected before and after each use.
11. Preparation of game (raw meat) will continue as normal, serving of cooked food will be undertaken by NBVentures staff to avoid cross-contamination.
12. In case of first aid provision particular care should be applied in relation to sanitation.
13. In case of collapse First Aiders may use their own personal discretion about putting their face close to the casualty. If you think there's risk of infection, use a towel or a piece of clothing and lay it over the casualty's mouth and nose prior to CPR. Delivering resuscitation breaths is the sole choice of the First Aider who may alternatively choose only to deliver chest compressions whilst facing away from the collapsed person.
14. Any personal litter should be burnt or removed at the end of the event and taken home.
15. If cleaning needs to take place after contamination of an area by someone known to have or suspected to have COVID-19 the following guidelines should be followed:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>
16. All instructors, sub-contractors and clients may wish to minimise touching their face. If they must cough or sneeze this should be done into a tissue and disposed of in the fire, after which hands must be either washed or sanitised immediately. If no tissue is available sneezing or coughing should be done into the crook of an elbow.
17. It is not practical to put up signage within the woodlands however the key messages of social distancing (for those who would prefer to), and cleaning will be communicated as part of the safety brief.
18. Toilets are to be cleaned by the user after each use with the disinfectant provided.



19. Government advises that additional PPE specifically for COVID-19 is not usually beneficial; a specific risk assessment will be undertaken if additional PPE is suspected of being necessary.
20. Evidence suggests that wearing a face covering does not protect you against contracting COVID-19, but it may protect others if you are infected but have not developed symptoms. However the risk is deemed to be extremely low when operating in an outdoor environment.
21. A face covering can be very simple and may be worn in enclosed spaces where social distancing isn't possible. It simply needs to cover the mouth and nose. It is not the same as a face mask, such as surgical masks or respirators used by health and care workers. Similarly, face coverings are not the same as PPE used to manage risks like dust and spray in an industrial context. Face coverings are available for any instructor or sub-contractor who wishes to use them for work purposes. Where face coverings are being used the following guidelines should be followed:
 - a. wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on, and after removing it.
 - b. when wearing a face covering, avoid touching your face or face covering, as you could contaminate them with germs from your hands
 - c. change your face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it
 - d. continue to wash your hands regularly
 - e. change and wash your face covering daily
 - f. if the material is washable, wash in line with manufacturer's instructions. If it's not washable, dispose of it carefully in your usual waste
 - g. practise social distancing if required
22. Instructors and sub-contractors should use their own vehicle to travel to the woodlands wherever possible.
23. Where sharing a vehicle is essential ventilation should be maximised.
24. All team members should be aware of the government guidance on the mental health and wellbeing aspects of Coronavirus (COVID-19), and should speak to the Chief Instructor if they, or a team mate, may be experiencing mental health or wellbeing issues.
25. All employees must ensure they have a change of clothing in case of a contamination incident.
26. All course equipment should be disinfected prior to departing for the woodlands and upon conclusion of the course. Alternatively where appropriate some equipment may be left unused for 72hrs prior to / following a course.
27. Prior to course beginning hand washing facilities should be set up ready for demonstration
28. Distancing of 2m shall be demonstrated during the welcome / safety briefing if required.
29. Pre course information to clients shall include; a reminder to bring anti bacterial gel, and a requirement to confirm their fitness to attend the event at the time of booking, and upon arrival in relation to advised symptoms of COVID-19.
30. Clients will be refused entry at the instructors discretion based on appearance of potential symptoms.
31. If you are at unsure about how any of the COVID-Secure Procedures will operate please contact NBVentures prior to the event, or ask the question directly to the instructor during the event.

Nathan Beard Ventures
COVID-Secure Event Plan
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I have read and understood my obligations as an instructor, volunteer or subcontractor regarding the necessary requirements for operating COVID-Secure events with Nathan Beard Ventures. I confirm that I will follow the plan as written.

Name:

Signature:

Date: