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## South Uist Estate Sporting COVID guidance.



For the protection of our guests, staff and wider community we have put the following measures in place to ensure the safe operation of our sporting activities on the estate, whilst adhering to government and sector specific guidance.

In all cases guests are asked not to travel if feeling at all unwell or displaying signs of COVID. If feeling unwell whilst in Uist, guests are asked to notify staff and remain in their accommodation where NHS guidance on isolation and testing should be followed.

Guests are asked to provide contact details for each member of their party in order to comply with track and trace NHS guidelines.

### **Stalking**

1. Hygiene: Guests and guide are requested to carry hand sanitiser on their person at all times and use frequently throughout the day, even if wearing gloves and avoid touching their face.
2. Travel: Face coverings should be worn when travelling in the argocat.
3. Estate rifles can be used by clients in the usual way provided they are wiped down with a suitable sanitising agent, such as certain disposable wipes, before and after use.



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4. **The Stalk:** Whether walking or crawling, the client and guide should maintain an appropriate distance, ideally in file one behind the other, maintaining two metres separation between client and guide.
5. **The Gralloch:** The gralloch should be undertaken by one person only to ensure two metres separation is maintained and gloves should be worn. Where assistance is required, individuals should wear face coverings.
6. **The Recovery:** If more than one person is required to drag and / or load the beast into a vehicle, individuals should wear gloves and facemasks to reduce the risk of transmission.
7. **Photographs:** If photographs of the client are to be taken, disposable gloves could be used when handling the client's phone or camera. Alternatively, mini tripods or 'selfie sticks' could be used.

### **Wildfowling/Game**

1. **Hygiene:** Guests and guide are requested to carry hand sanitiser on their person at all times and use frequently throughout the day, even if wearing gloves and avoid touching their face. Individuals are advised not to touch dogs belonging to others with bare hands.
2. **Access:** The route should be planned to avoid contact as far as possible, with other members of the public, while at the same time ensuring individual safety. Hand sanitiser should be used after the use of gate and fences.
3. **Estate shotguns** can be used by clients in the usual way provided they are wiped down with a suitable sanitising agent, such as certain disposable wipes, before and after use.
4. **Use of hides:** Each wildfowler should have their own hide. The sharing of hides should be avoided when feasible.
5. **Use of boats:** If a boat is being used, wildfowlers should always try to maintain two metre separation. The use of a face covering should be considered.
6. **Refreshments:** The sharing of refreshments should be avoided. Individuals are advised to bring their own refreshments to avoid cross contamination.
7. **Storage of guest guns:** Guns can be stored in Grogarry Lodge gun safes, with each guest being allocated their own individual safe for the duration of their stay. Gun safes should be sanitised regularly and social distancing when in Grogarry gun room should be maintained at all times.



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## Transport

1. Hygiene: Guests and guide are requested to carry hand sanitiser on their person at all times and use frequently throughout the day, even if wearing gloves and avoid touching their face. Individuals are advised not to touch dogs belonging to others with bare hands.
2. A maximum of 4 persons in keepers vehicles at any time and spaced seating should be used when travelling in the minibus.
3. Increased ventilation should be considered where possible.
4. Where vehicles are being shared passengers should sit side-by-side and not face-to face and if possible, a fixed partnering system when the same individuals always travel together.