

## **Guidance For Virtual Physical Activity Class**

### **The Participant – What You Need To Know**

#### **Before Taking Part**

- The participant will need access to a computer or tablet that has audio. Most come with a webcam and a microphone, but it is important to check it works and the volume is turned up.
- Participants will need a wifi connection to access the session. Please note that accessing a class can be a drain on data and so if you are on a 'limited data plan' with a cap for your home broadband please monitor your usage.
- The 'Zoom' app will automatically begin to download onto your home computer when you attempt to join your first lesson
- However, you can download the app in advance from (you may need to do this if using a tablet):  
[https://zoom.us/download#client\\_4meeting](https://zoom.us/download#client_4meeting)
- There is no need to create an account, only CHSS are required to do this to host the meeting.
- In order to safeguard our participants, each individual upon signing up for the class will have completed an online application form which will be screened by experienced specialist population instructors for both virtual and face to face activity.

#### **How To Join A Zoom Meeting & Taking Part**

- When CHSS have arranged a session they will contact all participants via email who have completed online sign up form and participant agreement with an invite link, ID number, password and time/date of the session. It is vital that you keep this safe and do not

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share it with anyone else.

- Before the session is due to begin please access the email and click on the join link in the meeting invite or enter the ID into the Zoom App. You may be asked to enter a password.
- You will then see a host window where you simply click on join the conference via computer and join with computer audio.
- Before starting the session a CHSS member of staff will re-emphasise the importance of ensuring you have a safe and suitable place to carry out your exercise, highlighting that if at any point during the session if the participant is feeling unwell or in pain then they should stop immediately.
- Participants may be muted during the exercise session to avoid any interference and to allow for the best possible experience.
- Participants may play their own music at a suitable volume provided they are on mute, ensuring they can clearly hear the instructions from the instructor.
- CHSS will aim to offer a range of physical activity and social activity sessions, all of which will be risk assessed in advance with dynamic risk assessments carried out on an ongoing basis throughout the duration of the 'zoom' call.
- Participants should, as far as possible, try to include as much of their body in the screen as possible to help the instructor provide any useful teaching points. As a minimum the persons torso should be fully in the screen. This is for the participants safety and enjoyment.
- If the participant should at any point need to get up and leave the session for any reason they should leave a comment on the

conversation box or 'chat' function on zoom.

- **Falls:** CHSS are aware that falling may be a worry for participants. All participants will be directed to read the following before taking part - <https://www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/preventing-falls/dealing-with-a-fall/what-to-do-if-you-fall>.
- To support as many people to get online, CHSS will in the invitation include a contact number and email address to help with any problems. The Zoom website has lots of advice and help so it would be a good place to check first if you are having any difficulties. [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

### **Face to Face Sessions**

If you are taking part in the new face to face sessions (only available in Glasgow) then please come to the sessions wearing comfortable clothing and bring a bottle of water too. You must also remember any medications you might need as per the participant agreement. (Eg GTN Spray or Inhaler).

### **Additional Safeguarding**

- All instructors delivering physical activity sessions are experienced specialist population instructors. Any instructors delivering a session may also have their own protocols to follow.
- All sessions will have one member of CHSS staff there to deliver or support the running of the group and to address any issues or emergencies that occur. The name and contact details of the CHSS staff member attending each meeting will be shared with the group in advance of the session starting, should any issues arise in advance of or during the session that cannot be raised over zoom.

- Should a participant take unwell during the session, CHSS will take the following action (not necessarily in this order):
  1. Call the participant at the time to check how they are and if they need any additional support (if this can't be done over Zoom).
  2. If the participant **does** need additional support but it is not an emergency, then CHSS will phone the emergency contact provided by the participant.
  3. If the participant doesn't need additional support and it is not an emergency then CHSS will recommend that the participant also lets their emergency contact know that they had to stop taking part in the session and explain the reason why.
  4. In a medical emergency CHSS will call 999 and then contact the participant's emergency contact to let them know of the course of action taken.
- All participants should be mindful that they are in a public environment and indecent behaviour shall not be tolerated. CHSS reserves the right as hosts to remove anyone for inappropriate conduct.