

COVID-19 Risk Assessment for re-opening Alfrick and Lulsley Village Hall – June 2020



Please be aware of the following;

1. This COVID-19 Risk Assessment may need to be updated in the light of any new government advice that may be forthcoming.
2. This document should be read in conjunction with relevant legislation and guidance issued by government and local authorities. (Links to some key documents are provided in the reference section)
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Area or People at Risk	Risk identified	Actions to take to mitigate risk	Notes
Staff, contractors and volunteers – Identify what work activity or situations might cause transmission of the virus and likelihood staff could be exposed	Cleaning surfaces infected by people carrying the virus. Disposing of rubbish containing tissues and cleaning cloths. Deep cleaning premises if someone falls ill with CV-19 on the premises. Occasional Maintenance workers.	Stay at home guidance if unwell at entrance and in Main Hall. Staff/volunteers provided with protective overalls and plastic or rubber gloves. Contractors provide their own. Staff/volunteers advised to wash outer clothes after cleaning duties. Staff given PHE guidance and PPE for use in the event deep cleaning is required.	Staff/volunteers may need guidance as to cleaning. For example, cloths should be used on light switches and electrical appliances rather than spray disinfectants, rubberised and glued surfaces can become damaged by use of spray disinfectant too frequently.
Staff, contractors and volunteers– think about who could be at risk and	Staff/volunteers who are either extremely vulnerable or over 70. Staff	Staff in the vulnerable category are advised not to attend work for the time	Staff and volunteers will need to be warned immediately if someone is

<p>likelihood staff/volunteers could be exposed.</p>	<p>or volunteers carrying out cleaning, caretaking or some internal maintenance tasks could be exposed if a person carrying the virus has entered the premises or falls ill.</p> <p>Mental stress from handling the new situation.</p>	<p>being.</p> <p>Talk with staff, trustees and volunteers regularly to see if arrangements are working.</p>	<p>tested positive for COVID-19 who has been on the premises. Details of a person's medical condition must be kept confidential, unless the employee/volunteer agrees it can be shared.</p> <p>It is important people know they can raise concerns.</p>
<p>Car Park/paths/ patio/exterior areas</p>	<p>Social distancing is not observed as people congregate before entering premises. Parking area is too congested to allow social distancing. People drop tissues.</p>	<p>Mark out 2metre waiting area outside all potential entrances with tape to encourage care when queueing to enter.</p> <p>Cleaner asked to check area outside doors for rubbish which might be contaminated, e.g. tissues. Wear plastic gloves and remove.</p>	<p>Transitory lapses in social distancing in outside areas are less risky, the main risk is likely to be where people congregate or for vulnerable people. Ordinary litter collection arrangements can remain in place. Provide plastic gloves.</p>
<p>Entrance hall/lobby/corridors</p>	<p>Possible "pinch points" and busy areas where risk is social distancing is not observed in a confined area. Door handles, light switches in frequent use.</p>	<p>Door handles and light switches to be cleaned regularly.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser to be provided by hall.</p> <p>2 metre spacing in entrance area / main corridor</p>	<p>Hand sanitiser needs to be checked daily. Provide more bins, in entrance hall, each meeting room. Empty regularly.</p>
<p>Main Hall</p>	<p>Door handles, light switches, window catches, tables, chair backs and arms.</p> <p>Soft furnishings which cannot be readily cleaned between use.</p> <p>Projection equipment.</p>	<p>Door handles, light switches, window catches, tables, chairs and other equipment used to be cleaned by hirers before and after use</p> <p>Deep clean by contract cleaners 1x per week use or by hall cleaning staff.</p>	<p>Cushioned chairs with arms are important for older, infirm people. Avoid anyone else touching them unless wearing plastic gloves.</p> <p>Consider removing window curtains and any other items which are more difficult to clean and likely to be touched by the</p>

	<p>Screen.</p> <p>Window curtains or blinds</p> <p>Commemorative photos, displays.</p> <p>Social distancing to be observed</p>	<p>Social distancing guidance to be observed by hirers in arranging their activities.</p> <p>Hirers to be encouraged to wash hands regularly.</p>	<p>public. Provide hand sanitiser.</p>
Small meeting rooms and offices	<p>Social distancing more difficult in smaller areas</p> <p>Door and window handles</p> <p>Light switches</p> <p>Tables, chair backs and arms. Copier, laminator, shredder.</p> <p>Floors with carpet tiles less easily cleaned.</p>	<p>We recommend hirers hire larger meeting spaces and avoid use of small rooms, other than as offices.</p> <p>Surfaces and equipment to be cleaned by hirers before and after use.</p> <p>Deep clean by contract cleaners 1x per week use or by hall cleaning staff.</p> <p>Rooms with carpeted floors not hired for keep fit type classes.</p>	<p>Consider closing, only hiring when main hall is not in use or as possible overflow for activities when more attend than expected. May provide a “kettle point” to avoid two groups using the same kitchen.</p>
Kitchen	<p>Social distancing more difficult</p> <p>Door and window handles</p> <p>Light switches</p> <p>Working surfaces, sinks</p> <p>Cupboard/drawer handles.</p> <p>Fridge/freezer</p> <p>Crockery/cutlery Kettle/hot water boiler</p> <p>Cooker / microwave</p>	<p>Hirers are asked not to use the kitchen area.</p> <p>Hirers to encourage group to bring their own Food and Drink for the time being.</p>	<p>Cleaning materials to be made available in clearly identified location, eg a box on one of the kitchen surfaces, regularly checked and re-stocked as necessary. Consider closing kitchen if not required or restricting access.</p>
Store cupboards (cleaner etc)	<p>Social distancing not possible</p> <p>Door handles, light switch</p>	<p>Public access unlikely to be required. Cleaner to decide frequency of cleaning.</p>	
Storage Rooms (furniture/equipment)	<p>Social distancing more difficult</p> <p>Door handles in use. Equipment needing to be moved not normally in use</p>	<p>Hirer to control accessing and stowing equipment to encourage social distancing.</p>	<p>Consider whether rearrangement or additional trolleys will facilitate social distancing.</p>
Toilets	<p>Social distancing difficult. Surfaces in frequent use = door handles, light switches, basins, toilet handles, seats etc. Baby changing and vanity surfaces,</p>	<p>Hirer to control numbers accessing toilets at one time, with attention to more vulnerable users.</p>	<p>Ensure soap, paper towels, tissues and toilet paper are regularly replenished, and hirer knows where to access for restocking if needed.</p>

	mirrors.	Toilets / sink area to be wiped down by Hirers after use.	
Stage Curtains	Social distancing Lighting and sound controls	Public access unlikely. Cleaner to decide frequency of cleaning.	
Events	Handling cash and tickets Too many people arrive	Organisers arrange online systems and cashless payments as far as possible. For performances seats to be limited, booked in advance, 2 seats between individuals or households.	See National Rural Touring Forum guidance, Section 2.6