

COVID-19 Risk Assessment for re-opening Norton Canon Village Hall, July 2020

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 Staff/volunteers advised to wash outer clothes after cleaning duties.	
Staff, contractors and volunteers— think about who could be at risk and likelihood staff/volunteers could be exposed.	Staff/volunteers who are either extremely vulnerable or over 70. Staff 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.	Staff in the vulnerable category are advised not to attend work for the time being.	Staff and volunteers will need to be warned immediately if someone is 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.
Car Park/paths/ patio/exterior areas	Social distancing is not observed as people congregate before entering premises. Parking area is too congested to allow social distancing.	Before an indoor event, mark out 2metre waiting area outside all potential entrances with tape to encourage care when queueing to enter.	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.



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	People drop tissues.	Cleaner asked to check area outside doors for rubbish which might be contaminated, e.g. tissues. Wear plastic gloves and remove.	Ordinary litter collection arrangements can remain in place. Provide plastic gloves.
Entrance hall/lobby/corridors	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.	Identify "pinch points" and busy areas. Create one-way system. Door handles and light switches to be cleaned regularly. Hand sanitiser to be provided by hall	Hand sanitiser needs to be checked daily. Provide more bins, in entrance hall, each meeting room. Empty regularly.
Main Hall	Door handles, light switches, window catches, tables, chair backs and arms. Social distancing to be observed.	Door handles, light switches, window catches, tables, chairs and other equipment used to be cleaned by hirers before use or by hall cleaning staff. The number of people allowed in the hall to be reduced to 25 Social distancing guidance to be observed by hirers in arranging their activities. Hirers to be encouraged to wash hands regularly.	Provide hand sanitiser. To calculate the number of people allowed take the number previously allowed (100) and divide by 4 Another way of calculating this is the area of the main hall (100 sq metres) divided by 4
Kitchen	Social distancing more difficult Door and window handles Light switches Working surfaces, sinks Cupboard/drawer handles. Fridge/freezer	Hirers are asked to control numbers using kitchen so as to ensure social distancing, especially for those over 70. Hirers to clean all areas likely to be used before use, wash, dry	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.



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	Crockery/cutlery Kettle/hot water boiler Cooker/Microwave	and stow crockery and cutlery after use. Hirers to bring own tea towels. Hand sanitiser, soap and paper towels to be provided Consider encouraging hirers to bring their own Food and Drink for the time being.	Consider closing kitchen if not required or restricting access.
Storage Rooms (furniture/equipment)	Social distancing more difficult Door handles in use. Equipment needing to be moved not normally in use	Hirer to control accessing and stowing equipment to encourage social distancing.	
Toilets	Social distancing difficult. Surfaces in frequent use = door handles, light switches, basins, toilet handles, seats etc.	Hirer to allow only one person at a time into male toilets, and female toilets, and the same for the disabled toilet unless it is essential for a carer to accompany the user. Hirer to clean all surfaces etc before public arrive unless staff have precleaned out of hours.	Ensure soap, paper towels, tissues and toilet paper are regularly replenished, and hirer knows where to access for restocking if needed.