

Reopening Village and Community Halls post COVID-19 closure

20th April presentation

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

Q1

Is it sufficient to rely on each hirer cleaning after use or do we need to get a cleaner in before next hirer comes in?

At Stathern we adapted ACRE's supplementary guidance for hirers and added this line: *"Whilst the WMI provides a Covid-secure environment, it is the hirer's responsibility to then ensure that their operations are also Covid-secure. See Supplementary Guidance below, but please note that the list is not exhaustive, nor does it replace the hirer's own research."*

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Alison - very good idea and wording. It is important to emphasise that you as the hall can only do so much, and it is important that hirers share the responsibilities and the application of common sense.

I think we will consider adding on 15 mins before and after cleaning time is added into any hirers agreements for the time being.

Good idea Alison - that way you are giving them the opportunity, and removing the barrier (or excuse) of time.

Q2

Tim Marshall - Fleckney VH. I've had a user group (which happens to be an 'exempt' pre-school group) insist on a minimum half hour separation between them and any other user group, and also a separate exit (i.e. one-way system) for any group exiting before them. There is always a separation of arrivals/departures by time - though in one case down to 15 minutes. Do I need to do more? Thanks

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Great question from Tim - If possible, some separation between users is ideal. It reduces any risk of different users from mingling in the foyer, hall, toilets and car park. So, with this in mind, unless it is having an impact on the viability of the hall, or having a significant impact on other users, it would seem a good idea. The use of a one-way system if practical is also a good idea, but in some venues, this isn't an option.

There is no mention or requirement within the Covid legislation or Gov Guidance regarding separation times however, so it will need to be agreed on a local basis.

Just to finish on Tims query - I would think that 15 minutes is still OK

Q3

Just one quick question about band practices, is it 6 max from 17th May for any non-pro band? I am assuming so.

According the DCMS guidance I think so

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>

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Only professional bands may rehearse until Step 3, 17th May. Non-professional performing arts activity is permitted outdoors, within the legal gathering limits e.g. amateur silver bands, rock bands may practice outdoors from Step 2, 12th April under the rule of 6.