**Special Conditions of Hire during COVID-19**

Note: These conditions are supplemental to, and not a replacement for, the Centre’s ordinary conditions of hire

1. You, the hirer, will be responsible for ensuring those attending your activity or event comply with the COVID-19 Secure Guidelines while entering and occupying the Centre, as shown on the attached poster which is also displayed at the Centre entrance.
2. In particular, those attending your activity or event will comply with all signage relevant to COVID-19 safety displayed at the Centre, including using hand sanitiser supplied when entering the Centre and after using tissues.
3. You undertake to comply with the actions identified in the hall’s risk assessment, of which you have been provided with a copy.
4. You will be responsible for cleaning door handles, light switches, window catches, equipment, toilet handles and seats, wash basins and all surfaces likely to be used during your period of hire before other members of your group or organisation arrive and to keep the premises clean through regular cleaning of surfaces during your hire, paying particular attention to wash hand basins and kitchen sinks (if used), using either the products supplied (which will be in a clearly accessible location) or your own ordinary domestic products. You will be required to clean again on leaving. We can provide additional access/clean-up time to facilitate this. Please take care cleaning electrical equipment. Use cloths and do not spray.

Where possible, the Centre will be cleaned before you arrive depending on the Centre cleaner’s availability. If this is the case, we will inform you. However, it is not feasible to have the Centre cleaned before each and every hire. Should the Centre be cleaned before your hire, you are still responsible for cleaning all regularly used surfaces during your period of hire (including tables, wash hand basins, door handles) using either the products supplied or your own ordinary domestic products. Please take care cleaning electrical equipment. Use cloths and do not spray.

1. You will make sure that everyone likely to attend your activity or event understands that they MUST NOT DO SO if they or anyone in their household has had COVID-19 symptoms in the last 7 days, and that if they develop symptoms within 7 days of visiting the premises they MUST use the Test, Track and Trace system to alert others with whom they have been in contact.
2. You will keep the premises ventilated throughout your hire. You can open the fire exit door in the Main Hall and the window in the servery hatch (with the roller shutter up) as far as convenient. You will be responsible for ensuring they are all securely closed on leaving.
3. You will ensure that there are no more than 25 people in the building at any given time, in order that social distancing can be maintained. You will ensure that everyone attending maintains 2m social distancing while waiting to enter the premises, observes the one-way system within the premises, and as far as possible observes social distancing of 1m plus mitigation measures when using more confined areas (e.g. moving and stowing equipment, accessing kitchen/toilets) which should be kept as brief as possible. You will make sure that no more than 2 people use each suite of toilets at one time.
4. You will take particular care to ensure that social distancing is maintained for any persons aged 70 or over or likely to be clinically more vulnerable to COVID-19, including for example keeping a 2m distance around them when going in and out of rooms and ensuring they can access the toilets, kitchen or other confined areas without others being present. For some people, passing another person in a confined space is less risky, but for older people that should be avoided.
5. You will position furniture or the arrangement of the room as far as possible to facilitate social distancing of 2m between individual people or groups of up to two households or 1m with mitigation measures such as: seating side by side, with at least two empty chairs between each person or household group, rather than face to face, and good ventilation. If tables are being used, you will place them so as to maintain a distance of at least 2 metres across the table between people who are face to face.
6. You are asked to keep a record of the name and contact telephone number or email of all those who attend your event for a period of 3 weeks after the event and provide the record to NHS Track and trace if required.
7. You will be responsible for the disposal of all rubbish created during your hire, including tissues and cleaning cloths, taking all rubbish away with you when you leave the Centre.
8. You will encourage users to bring their own drinks and food for your hire. If this is not possible, you will be responsible, if drinks or food are made, for ensuring that all crockery and cutlery is washed in hot soapy water, dried and stowed away. You will bring your own clean tea towels, so as to reduce risk of contamination between hirers, and take them away. We will provide washing up liquid and washing up cloths.
9. We will have the right to close the hall if there are safety concerns relating to COVID-19, for example, if someone who has attended the hall develops symptoms and thorough cleansing is required or if it is reported that the Special Hiring Conditions above are not being complied with, whether by you or by other hirers, or in the event that public buildings are asked or required to close again. If this is necessary, we will do our best to inform you promptly and you will not be charged for this hire.
10. In the event of someone becoming unwell with suspected COVID-19 symptoms while at the Centre, you should remove them to the designated safe/isolation area which is the Meeting Room. Please switch over the ‘Isolation Room – Vacant’ sign on both doors to the other side so it displays ‘Isolation Room – Occupied – Do Not Enter’. The sign is double-sided.
11. A COVID-19 First Aid Kit is located in the Meeting Room. Please use the items in this to provide tissues and a bin or plastic bag, and a bowl of warm soapy water for handwashing. Specific instructions on what to do are in the First Aid Kit.
12. Ask others in your group to provide contact details if you do not have them and then leave the premises, observing the usual hand sanitising and social distancing precautions, and advise them to launder their clothes when they arrive home. Inform the Centre Manager on: 07307 725 111.
13. You are responsible for ensuring that there are no more than 20 people at the Centre, and prevent large gatherings or mass events from taking place. This could be by operating a booking system or however you feel is best to manage numbers. As no more than 20 people should be at the Centre, rules relating to more than 30 people and needing to take additional steps don’t apply to the same extent.
14. Live performances e.g. drama, music are not permitted at present. This is in order to avoid risk of aerosol or droplet transmission. For the same reason you must take steps to avoid people needing to unduly raise their voices to each other, e.g. refrain from playing music or broadcasts at a volume which makes normal conversation difficult.
15. Where a group uses their own equipment, you will ask those attending to bring their own equipment and not share it with other members. If you provide equipment to a group to use, You will avoid using equipment, which is difficult to clean, as far as possible. You will ensure that any equipment you provide is cleaned before use and before being stored in the Centre’s storeroom.