



Covid-19 Risk Assessment July 2021

Alderholt Village Hall (AVH) asks users to follow the recommendations issued by the Government and NHS.

Following release from restrictions from 19th July 2021, the Government is providing advisory guidance on how people can manage the risks of Covid to themselves and to others. It sets out how the following behaviours are beneficial to all and which will apply to Community spaces:

1. Meeting in well-ventilated areas where possible, such as outdoors or indoors with windows open.
2. Wearing a face covering where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet in enclosed and crowded spaces.
3. Washing your hands with soap and water or using hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
4. Covering your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze.
5. Staying at home if unwell, to reduce the risk of passing on other illnesses to friends, family, colleagues, and others in your community.
6. Considering individual risks, such as your clinical vulnerability and vaccination status.
7. Businesses will be encouraged to display QR codes for customers to check in using the NHS COVID-19 app, to support NHS Test and Trace, although it will no longer be a legal requirement. AVH will not require visitors to provide details for Test and Trace but you are recommended to do so by using the app.
8. COVID-status certification will not be required in law as a condition of entry for visitors to any setting.
9. Table service of drinks and food will no longer be necessary. Customers may order food and drinks when available at the servery and take them to their table.
10. The Government will continue to urge people to get vaccinated, and to self-isolate and get tested if they have symptoms. It will remain a legal requirement for people to self-isolate if they test positive or are told to do so by NHS Test and Trace. The public will continue to be encouraged to download and use the latest version of the NHS COVID-19 app to help reduce the spread of the virus.

Unless restrictions are reintroduced due to a surge or development of a new variant of Covid-19, there will be no restrictions on social distancing or numbers meeting for events. The Hall may therefore return to normal unrestricted use but the Management Committee will consider risks associated with activities at events in the Hall and may recommend to users that specific measures are taken by the users to reduce risk.

The Hall will continue to provide hand sanitiser stations and notices recommending regular washing of hands.

The Perspex screens will remain available at the servery counter but may be repositioned to allow for serving of larger items which will not pass through the serving slots when necessary.

There will be no requirement to use separate entry and exit routes unless users consider this a useful way to reduce risk. Where large numbers attend events the use of the French window as a separate exit route is recommended.

The Hall will continue to be cleaned after each use.

Users are recommended to monitor any changes in Government guidance and liaise with the Management Committee over any changes required.

Review date: July 2022