

SANDHURST VILLAGE HALL - Special Conditions of Hire during COVID-19

Note: These conditions are supplemental to, not a replacement for, the hall's ordinary conditions of hire. (updated 30th Sep 2020)

SC1:

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 hall, as shown on the attached poster which is also displayed at the hall entrance, in particular using the hand sanitiser supplied when entering the hall and after using tissues.

SC2:

You undertake to comply with the actions identified in the hall's risk assessment, of which you will be provided with a copy. You are additionally recommended to do a risk assessment for your group – template to be provided by the hall committee.

SC3:

You will be responsible for cleaning door handles, light switches, window catches, window blinds pull cords, 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. Please take care cleaning electrical equipment. Use cloths - do not spray! **You will be required to clean again on leaving.**

SC4:

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 48 hours**, and that if they develop symptoms within **10 days** of visiting the premises they **MUST** use the Test and Trace system to alert others with whom they have been in contact. **They must seek a COVID-19 antigen test**

SC5:

You will keep the premises well ventilated throughout your hire, with windows and doors (except fire doors) open as far as convenient. You will be responsible for ensuring they are all securely closed on leaving.

SC6:

You will ensure that no more than 25 people attend your activity/event in order that social distancing can be maintained. **You will ensure that people attending do so in groups of no more than 6 (unless they are a "qualifying group") and that such groups do not mingle.** (See GRCC website for details of Rule of 6 <https://www.grcc.org.uk/downloads/community-buildings-covid-19/covid-19-information-sheet---opening-your-hall-after-lockdown-v7-30.09.20.pdf>) You will ensure social distancing of 2m between individuals or groups is maintained by everyone attending as far as possible, including while waiting to enter the premises, that they observe the one-way system within the premises, and as far as possible observe social distancing of 1m plus mitigation measures when using more confined areas (e.g. moving and stowing equipment, accessing toilets) which should be kept as brief as possible. You will make sure that **no more than one person use each suite of toilets at one time. Only two people to use the kitchen at any one time. Use of the bar area is prohibited.**

SC7:

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.

SC8:

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 six or less people** or 1m with mitigation measures such as: seating side by

side, with at least one empty chair between each person or household group, rather than face-to-face, face coverings and good ventilation. If tables are being used, you will place them so as to maintain social distancing across the table between people from different household groups who are face-to-face e.g. using a wide U-shape. **Any tables and chairs used by your group must be wiped down at the end of your session.**

SC9:

You MUST keep a record of the date and time the activity started and the name and contact telephone number or email of all those who attend your event (or a member of any group of up to 6 people who attend together). This can be done either by operating an advance booking system which collects these details, or by asking everyone who attends to use the NHS QR poster at the hall entrance to register their attendance and by keeping a record of any who do not register using their smartphone app and the hall's NHS QR poster or your own NHS QR poster.

SC10:

You will be responsible for the disposal of all rubbish created during your hire, including tissues and cleaning cloths, in the rubbish bags situated under the sink before you leave the hall. All other rubbish should be taken away with you when you leave the hall.

SC11:

Users are encouraged to bring their own drinks and food. If food or drink is being served (as distinct to being made on a DIY basis) it must be served only at tables or as a takeaway service. Provision of food or drink MUST cease before 10pm (i.e. be cleared away by then). If food and drink is served at tables you MUST ensure there is no mingling between groups at different tables, which must be seated in accordance with SC6.

SC12:

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 and that the kettle and cupboard handles are cleaned. 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.

SC13:

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.

SC14:

In the event of someone becoming unwell with suspected Covid-19 symptoms while at the hall you should remove them from the building. Provide tissues and a bin or plastic bag, and a bowl of warm soapy water for handwashing. 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 Chair of the Village Hall Committee Philippa Dancey on 07789 863131.

SC15: For events with more than 30 people (when allowed) you will take additional steps to ensure the safety of the public in relation to COVID-19 and prevent large gatherings or mass events from taking place, for example by operating a booking system or providing attendants or stewards who will ask people to seat themselves furthest from the entrance on arrival, to exit closest to the exits first and invite people to use toilets in the interval row by row.

SC16: In order to avoid risk of aerosol or droplet transmission 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.

SC17:

Other special points as appropriate. These are just some examples:

E.g. Where a sports, exercise or performing arts activity takes place:

[You will organise your activity in accordance with guidance issued by the relevant governing body for your sport or activity]

E.g. Where a group uses their own equipment:

[You will ask those attending to bring their own equipment and not share it with other members] or [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 hall].

SC18:

Face coverings **MUST** be worn unless an exemption applies to a person (eg for health reasons, those aged under 11) or a person has a reasonable excuse not to wear a face covering (eg when taking part in an activity to which an exemption applies). **This is a legal requirement.**

NB A face covering is not required when people are eating or drinking but they should be seated.

SC19:

Closing: Provision of food and drink **MUST** cease by 10pm. Any bar, dinner or similar activity **MUST** close by 10pm.

PLEASE NOTE:

- a) The hiring group will be responsible for cleaning surfaces used regularly during and at the end of hire. Sanitiser or soap and water will be available on entry to the hall
- b) The hiring group will be responsible for ensuring every member who attends their event checks into the NHS Test and Trace app via the QR code or the group leader will make a manual list.
- c) The hall will have a weekly deep clean.
- d) Access will only be allowed during the specific time of hire.
- e) Persons waiting to collect hall users should adhere to social distancing at front of building or remain in vehicle.
- f) A group risk assessment will be required for hall usage – see sample risk assessment template for you to complete.
- g) All groups will need their own insurance cover for hire in case of a coronavirus outbreak.
- h) The hire charge of the hall will remain the same as before the outbreak. All organisations and groups will be given due warning of any increase.

To comply with Government advice, the Village Hall Trustees wish to ensure all users can be guaranteed a safe and sanitised environment in which to return and access our facilities. A risk assessment has been carried out by SVH committee but may be subject to change at any time in line with Government and Village Hall Guidelines.

I have read the Covid-19 secure poster, the SVH risk assessment and the special hire conditions for use of Sandhurst Village Hall and have completed a group hire risk assessment specific for our group activity in the hall.

Signed:

Date: