

ABC Updated Covid Risk Assessment Recommendations to take effect from Friday 4 March 2022

Further to a recent Trustees' meeting following recommendations from our Risk Assessment Team, we are pleased to confirm that existing COVID requirements for ABC church activities or use of the premises have been reduced significantly.

- There will now be no *requirement* for the wearing of masks at any point in the service, or afterwards. However, bearing in mind our mixed community and in love for one another, and consideration of safety for one another, we would ask the following:-
- All those participating on the platform on Sundays will continue to take a Lateral Flow Test. All Members of the congregation will be encouraged to continue to take a Lateral Flow Test, (if possible), prior to attending on Sundays, for the time being.
- Current level of ventilation to remain, including over the course of refreshments or a meal in the room(s) used.
- Supplies of masks, hand sanitisation, cards blocking seats for social distancing will continue to be available.
- If you experience any symptom or feel unwell that may suggest a COVID-19 infection, we would request that you do not attend the service in person. For **those who wish to continue wearing masks**, an area will be set aside on the left-hand side of the church specifically for those wishing to wear masks and this will become a dedicated **mask only wearing area**. In addition, those wishing to wear masks, may also choose to sit with those who are not wearing masks in the middle block and right-hand side block as we look at the platform.
- Refreshments will continue to be served in the lounge.
- Communion to be distributed in the manner before the pandemic, except that communion bread will be pre-prepared into individual pieces for distribution. Individual communion packs will continue to be available should you prefer, as you enter the church.
- Collection plate will also continue to be available on the side table.

For activity leaders / organisers / designated person(s)

- Books, including the Bibles, may be returned to seats for use.
- All COVID requirements re the number of musicians and manner of delivery will cease.
- All COVID requirements re the manner of serving food/drink will cease (except where specified re communion bread above).
- Cleaning to return to pre-pandemic protocol, except that **enhanced cleaning will be undertaken if a known positive COVID-19 case has entered the premises.**
- Current version of risk assessment online to be taken off

Risk Assessment Team
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