

## Risk Assessment of Covid-19 related risks (WODS St Mary's Hall)

This risk assessment has been carried out as an additional document to the standard risk assessment normally used for rehearsals and other activities at St Mary's Hall and addresses the specific additional risks associated with the Covid-19 virus. It has been written by the WODS Health and Safety Officer and approved by the WODS Committee. It will be regularly reviewed as the Government advice for the Entertainment sector changes and re-approved by WODS Committee.

At the time of this review of the document, the UK Government has withdrawn the previous Plan B restrictions from 27 January 2022 reverting to earlier Plan A. Under this, the wearing of face coverings in indoor venues is no longer mandatory and venues can choose whether to require COVID passports. Due to the continuing high levels of COVID-19 transmission particularly of the Omicron variant, WODS have reviewed the restrictions we have had in place at St Mary's Hall. All those attending meetings and rehearsals at the Hall should still take a Lateral Flow Test and get a negative result on the day of attendance. Numbers of performers using the Hall for rehearsals will be at the discretion of the Rehearsal Leader. The wearing of face masks will be a personal choice.

The activities have been broken down as follows:

- Before coming to the Hall
- Arrival at the Hall
- Signing the Fire Register
- Entering the Main Hall
- Rehearsal activities
- Refreshments
- Use of toilet facilities
- Departure
- Cleaning after rehearsals

## Covid-19 Risk assessment template

Company name: WODS/WODYS

Assessment carried out by: Mike Astles (H&S Officer)

Date of next review: As required

Date assessment was carried out: 7 February 2022

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
<b>Bringing the virus to the Hall</b>	All Hall Users. Exposure to COVID-19 virus	All those attending rehearsals should take a Lateral Flow Test earlier in the day and get a negative result.	Monitor compliance and issue reminders	H&S Officer		
<b>Exposure to virus when first entering the premises</b>	All Hall Users. Exposure to Covid19 virus	The front entrance doors should be put on automatic opening by the rehearsal leader, so that users do not need to touch the door handles on arrival. Hand-sanitisers will be available in the entrance lobby and all users must use these on first entry. The wearing of masks is discretionary.				

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<b>Exposure to virus during the rehearsal activity</b>	All Hall Users. Exposure to Covid19 virus	Although numbers of participants will not be limited, care must be taken to avoid close contact and the wearing of masks will be encouraged but not compulsory.				
<b>Exposure to COVID-19 virus during refreshment breaks</b>	All Hall Users. Exposure to Covid19 virus	During breaks in the rehearsal, performers may use the kitchen area for refreshments provided that surfaces have been cleaned with antiseptic wipes at the start of the rehearsal and then cleaned again afterwards.				
<b>Risk of contamination of toilet facilities with COVID-19 virus</b>	All Hall Users. Exposure to Covid19 virus	All three toilets are now open for use. The toilets will be supplied with hand and surface sanitisers and anyone using the toilets will be encouraged to use the sanitising wipes provided to clean taps, toilet flush buttons and door handles after use. A pedal bin will be provided for the safe disposal of these wipes.				

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<p><b>Risk of exposure to COVID-19 virus during departure</b></p>	<p>All Hall Users. Exposure to Covid19 virus</p>	<p>At the end of the rehearsal, participants should sign out in the usual way, use hand-cleanser and exit through the front door using the automatic opening switch on the wall next to the door opening. The rehearsal leader should return the front door setting switch to "Manual" position.</p>				
<p><b>Risk of exposure to COVID-19 virus left on surfaces after rehearsals</b></p>	<p>All Hall Users. Exposure to Covid19 virus</p>	<p>The latest research suggests that the COVID-19 virus particles will remain intact for 48 to 72 hours on most surfaces such as fabrics, wood and plastics. However, this could be as long as 5 days for metal surfaces such as door knobs. Therefore any door handles, taps or toilet flushes touched by users must be cleaned with antibacterial wipes after use. The Hall will be deep-cleaned on a Monday by our usual Cleaners.</p>				

Version Control

Version number	Description	Date issued
0.A	First draft for WODS Committee review	18/08/2020
1.0	First issue following Committee review and approval	14/09/2020
1.A	Review of document at Step 3 of Recovery process	27/05/2021
2.0	Re-issue for Step 3 COVID restrictions	10/06/2021
2.A	Draft of reviewed document for Step 4 Recovery	22/07/2021
3.0	Re-issue for Step 4 COVID recovery	03/08/2021
3.A	Draft of reviewed document following end of Plan B restrictions on 27/01/2022	14/01/2022
4.0	Issue of revised Risk Assessment for end of Plan B	06/02/2022

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