



**Coronavirus Risk Assessment for provision of live singing by a group and playing of instruments**

The Baptist Union of Great Britain has developed this risk assessment template working with health and safety consultants from Ellis Whittam to assist churches as they plan for re-opening their premises. We have decided at MREC to adopt the template and amend as required to reflect our own situation.

Government guidance is given on the following webpage [Coronavirus: Guidance For Reopening Church Buildings](#)

This risk assessment should be a living document subject to regular review. It should certainly be reviewed after the first few times our church gathers and after any change in government regulations or guidance to ensure that the assessment of risks remains appropriate and the control measures are appropriate and are functioning as intended.

This risk assessment does not cover other aspects associated with Sunday services and should be read in conjunction with other risk assessments.

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<b>Activity:</b> Should I attend MREC Meetings? [RA1]			
<b>Risk:</b> Coronavirus entering the premises and potentially infecting users of the building			
<b>Persons at risk:</b> Musicians, members, attendees, Cleaners.			
<b>Risk Rating before control measures</b>	Unacceptable	<b>Risk Rating after control measures</b>	Tolerable

Control Measures	Control in place (Y/N)	Person Responsible	Comments
1. Ask everyone symptomatic not to attend	✓	Individual Musicians	If someone tests positive for Covid the prevailing rules at the time should be followed.
2. All musicians / singers asked to follow government guidance on self-isolation after symptoms and/or positive test/contact tracing/returning from foreign travel.	✓	Individual Musicians	
3. It is now not mandatory for all attendees to wear face masks.	✓	Individual Musicians	



<b>Activity:</b> Use of Church Building for Main Sunday Service(s) [RA2]			
<b>Risk:</b> Coronavirus entering the premises and potentially infecting users of the building			
<b>Persons at risk:</b> Ministers, leaders, members, attendees			
<b>Risk Rating before control measures</b>	Unacceptable	<b>Risk Rating after control measures</b>	Acceptable
<b>Seating Arrangements</b>			
1. Once seated attendees to remain in seat to minimise excessive mixing.	✓	Individuals	It is no longer legal requirement to maintain physical distancing.
<b>During the Service(s)</b>			
2. Single microphone to be allocated to and used by each person	✓	Tech Team / individuals	No additional sanitising measures are considered necessary whilst only a single meeting is held. When two services are planned for it will be necessary to consider whether cleaning of the mics between services is required.
3. Once seated attendees to remain in seat to minimise excessive mixing.	✓	Individuals	It is no longer legal requirement to maintain physical distancing.
4. Volume of music before / during / after service should not be sufficiently loud that it caused attendees to have to speak with raised voices.	✓	Tech Team / individuals	
5. Instrumentalists	✓	Tech Team / individuals	Items 2 to 4 also apply to instrumentalists. The layout of the instruments and seating should permit side on facing of musicians to one another. Note: It is no longer legal requirement to maintain physical distancing.
<b>Practices &amp; Rehearsals</b>			
6. When not 'practising' masks should be worn and social distancing implemented	Y	Individuals	



7. Mics and other equipment should be allocated to each person to minimise risk of cross contamination. This is particularly important if items are not left untouched for 72hours prior to their next use	Y	Individuals	
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**Review/Revision Record**

Date of Review	Confirmed by	Comments
24/11/20	R A Clough	V1 – Initial version
24/11/20	R A Clough	V2 – typo corrected following review by NP
12/12/20	R A Clough	V3 – update following correspondence with WG and review by NP
24/09/21	R A Clough	V4 – update following guidance change and inclusion of wind instruments
07/12/21	R A Clough	V5 – update following removal of physical distancing requirements.
26/02/22	R A Clough	V6 – update following removal of face coverings on 28/02/22.