

Risk Assessment

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| Activity: | Sing4Joy Choir - Rehearsals during Covid-19 | Reference: | RA172 |
| Task Description: | Safety measures during the COVID-19 outbreak | | |
| Assessor: | Tom Hughes | Date: | August 2020 |

Assessment of Risk

| Hazard | Likelihood | | | Severity | | | Risk | | |
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| | L | M | H | L | M | H | L | M | H |
| Infected persons at activity | | X | | | X | | | X | |
| Contact with other infected persons | | X | | | X | | | X | |
| Failure to self isolate | | X | | | | X | | | X |
| Spread of infection through close contact | | X | | | X | | | X | |
| Hand to face infection | | X | | | X | | | X | |
| Contaminated surfaces | X | | | | X | | X | | |
| Poor hygiene | | X | | | X | | | X | |
| Contact with vulnerable at risk groups | X | | | | | X | | X | |
| Airborne transmission from singing. | | X | | | | X | | | X |
| Travel | X | | | | X | | X | | |
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People at Risk

Group members

Group Leader

Visitors

Other:

None Identified

Controls

| Risk | Control Measures |
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| General coronavirus precautions | <p>Government guidance relating to enforced closures checked daily.</p> <p>Follow any further national government advice provided during the outbreak.</p> <p>COVID-19 is a new disease and assessment to be reviewed as new information and guidance is made available from the government, NHS and WHO.</p> <p>Any activities requiring or encouraging the gathering or socialisation of people are closed during this outbreak to reduce the spread of disease.</p> <p>Only essential activities to continue if assessed as safe with the following precautions in place.</p> |
| Spread of infection from participants | <p>Self isolation guidance to be followed and staff supported and encouraged.</p> <p>Any participants with a high temperature, new or continuous cough instructed to self isolate at home for at least 7 days.</p> <p>Any participants with family members with the symptoms or who have come into close contact with someone with symptoms are to self isolate for at least 14 days.</p> <p>Participants instructed to self-isolate if symptoms appear.</p> <p>Self isolation actively encouraged, with full support, to reduce risk of non-compliance.</p> <p>Do not attend GP or public places. Follow NHS / 111 advice.</p> |
| Spread of infection from others | <p>Due to the risk of infection all none essential contact is prevented.</p> <p>Social distancing to be implemented across all areas (see spread of infection from close contact).</p> <p>Access prevented to all non-essential visitors.</p> |

| Risk | Control Measures |
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| Contact from person to person | <p>Guidance on hand-washing and social distancing provided. Participants asked to keep a safe distance of 2m apart and encouraged to wear a face covering.</p> <p>Any participants with a cough to self isolate. Coughs to be caught in tissues and immediately placed in the bin. Wash hands. Do not cough or sneeze into hands.</p> <p>No one with symptoms, or who has been in close contact with someone with symptoms, to attend the activity under any circumstances. Self isolate in accordance with government guidance.</p> |
| Hand to face infection | <p>Raise awareness of the importance of hand washing.</p> <p>Welfare facilities and arrangements to be provided for all staff, including soap and water and suitable clean washing facilities. Additional hand sanitiser provided as necessary.</p> <p>Wash hands regularly and always after handling packages, touching equipment, before eating or drinking, after coughing or sneezing, before and after breaks.</p> <p>Wash for at least 20 seconds and ensure all areas of hands and wrists are properly cleaned.</p> <p>Avoid touching face at all times.</p> |
| Spread of infection from contaminated surfaces | <p>Increased cleaning routines before and after activities. Particular attention to fixtures, fittings and equipment/contact points regularly touched.</p> <p>Regular deep cleaning carried out with soap and water, antibacterial wipes or disinfectant as appropriate.</p> <p>Sharing of equipment, particularly phones, stationary, PPE and personal equipment prevented.</p> |
| Poor hygiene | <p>Regular hand washing breaks provided.</p> <p>Good hygiene practices encouraged.</p> |
| Spread of infection to vulnerable and high risk groups | <p>All participants identified as vulnerable or high risk to COVID-19 to be given the opportunity to attend virtually via ZOOM/SKYPE and self isolate in accordance with government guidance.</p> <p>Where contact with vulnerable or high risk groups must be made, additional risk assessment to be carried out on a case by case basis.</p> |
| Airborne transmission from singing | <p>Government and clinical guidance on group singing closely monitored and followed accordingly.</p> <p>All activities to be risk assessed and only proceed where safe to do so.</p> |
| Risk of spread of infection during travel | <p>All travel should be avoided unless critical.</p> <p>Daily checks on government guidance and travel restrictions, and prepared that these could change at any time.</p> <p>Public transport avoided as unable to maintain safe social distance.</p> <p>Participants asked not to car share and make their own way to the activity.</p> |

Risk Level



Very Low

*safe to proceed
work under
standard
control
measures*



Low

*safe to proceed
work under
additional
control
measures*



Medium

*proceed with
caution under
additional
controls
measures*



High

*proceed with
caution under
further controls
supervised*



Very High

*unsafe DO NOT
proceed -
essential further
action needed*

Further Action Required

| Action Required | Action Timeframe | Date Complete | By Name |
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| Ensure control measures remain valid for the duration of the outbreak or until guidance changes. | Ongoing | | |
| Update risk assessment if guidance or government recommendations change during outbreak. | Ongoing | | |
| Inform participants of closures or changes to services/activities. | Immediately | | |
| Carry out regular talks and briefings during the outbreak. | Ongoing | | |

