

Romsey Methodist Church - Risk Assessment in relation to Covid-19

Activity: Who Let The Dads Out?

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Introduction:

The Coronavirus-19 is a highly infectious disease primarily affecting the respiratory system. The disease can be transmitted as an aerosol from human exhalation/inhalation or by physical contact with an infected surface. The disease can be transmitted prior to an infected person exhibiting symptoms. Surfaces can remain infected between 48 hours to 72 hours. It is understood that transmission of the virus likely occurs mainly indoors and in settings where there is close proximity between people.

Description of activity:

“Who let the dads out?” is for dads and male carers and their below school age children (babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers). WLTD provides a space for dads and male carers to play with their children and meet and chat with other dads and male carers. The group meets on the third Saturday of the month. The session includes refreshments.

Parent and toddler groups are now allowed to operate outdoors and indoors. Government guidance states that groups must have no more than 15 attendees. This does not include children under five or group leaders. Social distancing should be maintained between adults who do not live together and who are not in the same support bubble or childcare bubble. Adults must wear masks where social distancing is not possible.

To meet capacity rules, people will be required to book via Eventbrite to attend the session. When booking to attend people will be advised not to come if they are feeling unwell or have symptoms related to Covid-19. At booking households will be asked to provide the information needed for track and trace. The track and trace register will be retained for 21 days. An NHS QR code will also be available for the venue.

Persons at risk:

The persons at risk are those attending, the volunteers and the cleaner. The minimum number of volunteers possible will be used to reduce individual's interactions.

In the event of fire, all fire safety measures take precedence. The leader will escort everyone out of the building

Should a person feel unwell or demonstrate symptoms of Covid-19 then they should be isolated in the Wesley Room with a leader attending and ensuring a surgical mask and protective gloves are worn. The unwell person should remain in the Wesley Room until it is safe to exit the building without further contact of others. The Wesley Room and other areas where the person was sitting will be sanitised. A note against the name of the person should be made on the registration sheet. In the event of a more complex condition emergency services should be contacted.

Risk / Hazard	Mitigation actions
<p>Not maintaining social distancing on arrival / departure</p> <p>Higher risk of infection if social distancing is not maintained</p>	<p>People will enter and exit through the front doors. This is to prevent mixing with those arriving/leaving the dance classes in the back hall. Queuing will be minimal due to the low numbers.</p> <p>People will be asked if they are feeling well when they arrive. When booking to attend, people will be sent an email explaining the joining instructions. A copy of our risk assessment will be available on the church website and is clear that any infringement will be challenged.</p>
<p>Not maintaining social distancing within the church</p> <p>Higher risk of infection if social distancing is not maintained</p>	<p>Dads/male carers are required to book a ticket. Each adult attending will be given a "station" with a small table, chair, space for a buggy and for a play blanket. These "stations" will be placed in the church to ensure social distancing. The booking system will limit attendance to 15.</p> <p>Adults attending will be required to wear a face covering when not at their table. Some children will be mobile and will play together. Children are not required to social distance.</p> <p>Toys will be provided by the church. These will be quarantined after the session. If the session is fully booked with a lot of moving children, the room will be set up with two zones (most likely a non-movers and a movers zone). This is suggested as a way to reduce children mixing and the number of toys they come into contact with.</p>
<p>Not maintaining hygiene requirements and contaminating by touch during the session</p> <p>Higher risk of infection spread if proper hygiene not followed</p>	<p>The team setting up will use hand sanitiser before touching chairs / tables / equipment. The ceiling fan and air purifiers will be on.</p> <p>A leader will be on the steps as people arrive. They will ensure social distancing if any queuing is required and will assist if anyone needs to use the lift. They will sanitise the lift between each use</p> <p>Adults will be asked to wear a mask as they arrive and to use the hand sanitiser on their way in. Older children will be encouraged to wash their hands or use the hand sanitiser. Babies are not required to use hand sanitiser. Once at their table, adults can remove their mask.</p> <p>The refreshments offered will be hot and cold drinks plus biscuits.</p> <p>As always, attendees will be asked to take nappy waste home with them</p>

Guidance for serving refreshments: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses/guidance-for-food-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19> and <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/personal-hygiene>