

Risk Assessment for rehearsals from 1st September 2021

This risk assessment uses the information provided by gov.uk, allowing people to make informed decisions about how to manage the risk to themselves and others.

Web link - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

- Meet outside, or open windows and doors for indoor visitors
- If you think you have symptoms stay at home and [take a PCR test](#)
- Wear face coverings in crowded places and on public transport
- Check in to venues when you go out
- Wash your hands with soap regularly, and for at least 20 seconds
- [Get vaccinated](#)

Building on the updated guidance on meeting friends and family, announced as part of step 3, the Government will provide advisory guidance on how people can manage the risks to themselves and to others. It sets out how the following behaviours are beneficial:

1. Meeting in well-ventilated areas where possible, such as outdoors or indoors with windows open.
2. Wearing a face covering where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet in enclosed and crowded spaces.
3. Washing your hands with soap and water or using hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
4. Covering your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze.
5. Staying at home if unwell, to reduce the risk of passing on other illnesses onto friends, family, colleagues, and others in your community.
6. Considering individual risks, such as clinical vulnerabilities and vaccination status.

Risk Area	Probability	Mitigation
Covid infection rates rise significantly in locality	Medium to high	Maintain vigilance for government instructions relating to member's home/work areas. Members to refrain from attending rehearsals if COVID positive or symptomatic
Infected member attends a rehearsal	Medium	Most members have been vaccinated however this does not preclude infection but rather diminishes the likelihood of severe infection requiring admission to hospital or mechanical ventilation Members to refrain from attending if they are suffering from possible symptoms or are aware that they may have been in contact with a sufferer in the past two weeks

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		If symptomatic, members should get a PCR test and not return to band rehearsal until they have received a negative result
Member finds that they may have been infectious after attending a rehearsal	Medium	Records of all rehearsal attendees will not be required from 19 th July, however everyone is urged to remain cautious. We will therefore keep a list of attendees at rehearsals for three weeks, which will then be deleted. Players are asked to notify the secretary if they test positive or need to isolate due to contact (current guidance is that if double vaccinated isolation due to contact is not required). On notification by the potentially infectious member, the Band secretary will email all ‘at risk’ members so that they can take appropriate steps, including getting tested and self-isolating if required.
Viral transmission via surfaces	Low	Members will get and put away their own chairs – wipes and hand gel will be provided. Members to bring their own instruments, stands etc. It is recommended that for a few more weeks sharing of any equipment is discouraged. Members to prevent dripping water onto floors etc. by providing their own cloth to capture water and store the cloth in a sealed container/plastic bag for transport to home for laundering. Refreshments won’t be provided until further notice – members should bring their own or purchase a drink from the bar
Viral transmission via aerosol	Medium	From 19 th July, the wearing of masks when not playing is recommended but not mandatory – however, the band requires that people wear masks when moving around Members will follow the Glentworths recommendations/requirements at all times – windows will be opened and members should take their break outside. A QR code will be provided. Some people may want to observe 1m distancing, this should be respected. Members should consider the use of bell covers on their instruments
Complacency	Medium	All members are responsible for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintaining a safe playing environment – adhering to Glentworth and band requirements • keeping themselves safe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ taking a regular lateral flow test before the rehearsal is highly recommended ○ Provision of own hand gel • being respectful of others who choose to wear masks or remain more distanced <p>Committee to review government guidance and risk assessment at least once a month to ensure they remain appropriate in the light of changing circumstances.</p>