

COVID Risk Assessment for Harris Academy Chafford Hundred  
February 2022

Even though the government has lifted all restrictions on gatherings, we feel that we have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our congregations.


The following list of measures are to be put in place at our CCCH site but can be used & adapted for other sites, as thought necessary by the individual site leaders.

As the wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, their use will be by personal choice in all areas of the building.

As people arrive:

- Welcome team to greet people and inform them of measures in place.
- Tables with traffic light stickers & pens
  - Red sticker – I'm still quite nervous, no hugs or handshakes please
  - Orange sticker – I'm still a bit nervous, please ask before you hug me or shake my hand
  - Green sticker – I'm not nervous. I am happy to shake your hand or give you a hug
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entrance and at the entrance of the main hall. People will be encouraged to use this upon entry & exit of each area.

In the main hall, with all of these measures, our concern is the amount of people in the hall with limited ventilation:

- Ventilation
  - Open one set the top windows.
  - Fire doors at the 'stage end' can be opened for extra ventilation if felt necessary (although we also need to be mindful of the noise level for the neighbours)
- Seating
  - Wider gaps between each row of chairs – at least 1m (reduction of this will be considered at the next review)
  - Socially distanced seating will be of personal choice. A  sign will be available for people to use to place on the seats either side of them if they feel uncomfortable with others sitting close.  
The welcome team will also ask before seating people next to others.

After the service:

- Everyone will be encouraged to move outside to socialise
- Refreshments (if served) will be served by the team responsible.  
The team will wear masks & gloves and prepare the drink requested for each individual.

Signage:

- There will be signs at the entrance explaining
  - traffic light system
  - use of masks
  - use of hand sanitizer

Congregation information:

- the welcome team will be trained on all that we are putting in place and available before, during & after the service to help, seat & direct people.

In the case of someone becoming ill whilst in the service, if they do not need emergency care, then they will be encouraged to go home immediately. As the cause of their illness will not be known at the time we will not disrupt the service. The person will be asked to inform the office as soon as possible if they receive a positive COVID test.

These measures will be in place for all services, no matter the set up/content.

We will review at the end of March 2022, taking into consideration any changes in government guidelines and local case numbers.

Kid's work & Youth leaders will carry out their own risk assessments.