

# Wickham Market Village Hall

## CONDITIONS OF HIRE DURING COVID -19

**Note: These conditions are supplemental to, not a replacement for, the hall's ordinary conditions of hire**

- 1 **You**, the hirer, will be responsible for ensuring those attending your activity or event comply with the COVID-19 Secure Guidelines while entering and occupying the hall, as shown on the attached poster which is also displayed at the hall entrance, in particular using the hand sanitiser supplied when entering the hall and after using tissues.
- 2 **You** will be responsible for cleaning door handles, light switches, window catches, equipment, toilet handles and seats, wash basins and all surfaces likely to be used during your period of hire **before** other members of your group or organisation arrive and to keep the premises clean through regular cleaning of surfaces during your hire, paying particular attention to wash hand basins and kitchen sinks (if used), using either the products supplied (which will be in a clearly accessible location) or you are welcome to bring your own ordinary domestic products. You will be required to **thoroughly** clean again on leaving.

Please take care cleaning electrical equipment. Use cloths - **do not spray!**

- 3 **You** will make sure that everyone likely to attend your activity or event understands that they **MUST NOT DO SO** if they or anyone in their household has had COVID-19 symptoms in the last 7 days, and that if they develop symptoms within 7 days of visiting the premises they **MUST** use the Test, Track and Trace system to alert others with whom they have been in contact.
- 4 **You** will keep the premises well ventilated throughout your hire, with windows and doors open as far as convenient. **You** will be responsible for ensuring they are all securely closed on leaving.
- 5 **You** will ensure that no more than **30 people in the MAIN HALL** (or 40 is seated in rows all facing the same way and wearing face coverings) **and 12 people in the BACK ROOM** attend your activity/event, in order that social distancing can be maintained. You will ensure that everyone attending maintains 2m social distancing while waiting to enter the premises, observes a one-way system within the premises, and as far as possible observes social distancing of 1m plus mitigation measures when using more confined areas (e.g. moving and stowing equipment, accessing toilets) which should be kept as brief as possible. You will make sure that no more than **ONE** person use each suite of toilets at one time.
- 6 **You** will take particular care to ensure that social distancing is maintained for any persons aged 70 or over or likely to be clinically more vulnerable to COVID-19, including for example keeping a 2m distance around them when going in and out of rooms and ensuring they can access the toilets, kitchen or other confined areas

without others being present. For some people, passing another person in a confined space is less risky, but for older people that should be avoided.

- 7 **You** will position furniture or the arrangement of the room as far as possible to facilitate social distancing of 2m between individual people or groups of up to two households or 1m with mitigation measures such as: seating side by side, with at least one empty chair between each person or household group, rather than face to face, and good ventilation. If tables are being used, you will place them so as to maintain a distance of at least 2 metres across the table between people who are face to face.
- 8 **You are asked to keep a record of the name and contact telephone number or email of all those who attend your event for a period of 3 weeks after the event and provide the record to NHS Track and trace if required.**
- 9 **You** will be responsible for the disposal of all rubbish created during your hire, including toilet bins, tissues and cleaning cloths, there are black rubbish bags provided - please replace and dispose of your used bag in the Biffa bin at the front of the building before you leave the hall.
- 10 **You** will encourage users to bring their own drinks and food but **You** will be responsible, if drinks or food are made, for ensuring that all crockery and cutlery is washed in hot soapy water, dried and stowed away. You will bring your own clean tea towels, so as to reduce risk of contamination between hirers, and take them away. We will provide washing up liquid and washing up cloths.
- 11 **We** will have the right to close the hall if there are safety concerns relating to COVID-19, for example, if someone who has attended the hall develops symptoms and thorough cleansing is required or if it is reported that the Special Hiring Conditions above are not being complied with, whether by you or by other hirers, or in the event that public buildings are asked or required to close again. If this is necessary, we will do our best to inform you promptly and you will not be charged for this hire.
- 12 In the event of someone becoming unwell with suspected Covid-19 symptoms while at the hall you should remove them to the designated safe area which is **the Disabled toilet by the main entrance**. Provide tissues and a bin or plastic bag, and a bowl of warm soapy water for handwashing. Ask others in your group to provide contact details (you should already have them) and then leave the premises, observing the usual hand sanitising and social distancing precautions, and advise them to launder their clothes when they arrive home. Inform the Village Hall Chairman, on 01728 746058, as soon as possible that this has happened.
- 13 Live performances e.g. drama, music are **not** permitted at present. This is in order to avoid risk of aerosol or droplet transmission. For the same reason you must take steps to avoid people needing to unduly raise their voices to each other, e.g. refrain from playing music or broadcasts at a volume which makes normal conversation difficult.