

Gorse Hill

BAPTIST CHURCH

Covid-19 (Worship/ Sunday Service)

Residual Risk Assessment

5 (LOW)

Name of Activity/ Group of Hazards

Infection by Covid-19 During Sunday Service

Name of Team/ Ministry

Worship/ Sunday Service

Name of Team Leader/ Responsible Person

Mark Harris/ Gary Pictor

Brief Description of Hazards Presented:

- Risk of Covid-19 Transmission from an infected person (either symptomatic or non symptomatic) to a non infected person
- Transmission leading to infection and continued potential for spread of virus.
- Transmission via a range of “close contact”/ social contact points/ sitting beside each other or near each other in tight pews
- Transmission via infected droplets carried on infected person’s breath being inhaled by non infected person, or transmission via hands or hand held objects
- Transmission via infected droplets carried on infected person’s breath being projected further than normal due to singing, and being inhaled by congregants in front of them

What Groups are Affected by Risks? Why & How?

All groups and demographics are affected, but particularly over 70’s and those with underlying medical conditions. As many regular congregants are over 70 there is a further increased risk

Potential Outcome of Hazards (Risks):

- Transmission leading to a severe infection, resulting in:
- Respiratory Distress
 - Severe Auto Immune Response
 - Death resulting from above risks
 - Other long term life limiting medical conditions

Likelihood Score

5

Initial Risk Assessment

25 (HIGH)

Severity of Outcome Score

5

What Control Measures will we put in place/ are already/ should be in Place?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Congregants are allowed to attend in person and participation must be via Video conference or social media, removing altogether the risk to/ from congregants - Limited physical attendance to the Speaker, 2x AV Support at very back of sanctuary and a small number of musicians - All participants must sanitize their hands on entry to the building - Handwashing supported with instructional signage, dedicated handwashing facilities with antibacterial soap provided at point of use - Speaker and musicians to maintain social distancing of 2m minimum at the front - AV support maintain social distance of 1m in AV booth - All team members will be asked not to volunteer if they are symptomatic or if someone in their household is symptomatic as per government guidance (new persistent cough, fever, shortness of breath, loss of senses of taste or smell) and are reminded of the severity of introducing the virus to this team and its contacts in the community (likely death of clinically extremely vulnerable persons) - Arrival is naturally staggered but the team is very small so there is minimal congestion risk on arrival, due to varying responsibilities within the wider organisation departure times are also naturally staggered. Effort made to ensure that 2m is maintained while departing should a queue form - Singers will have nobody in front of them for at least 4m when singing including any AV support resources - Microphones are not shared - No use of wind instruments - Sanctuary not used for 72 hrs before or after Sunday Service - Own instruments are brought and are not shared, drumsticks and keyboard/organ should be sanitized with gel and paper towels before use, paper towels then disposed of - Worship team leader to keep record of volunteers present each Sunday to allow for contact tracing if the need arises 			
Revised Likelihood Score	1	Residual Risk Assessment	5 (LOW)
Revised SOO Score	5		
What Other Documents are relevant to this Risk Assessment?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal Guide on the Preparation of Risk Assessments (July 2020) - Covid-19 Secure guidelines from MHCLG. - GHBC H, S &EH Policy 			
What further control measures could the Church examine implementing?			
N/A			
This most recent review conducted by: (Name& Position)		Date	
Mark Harris		22-07-2020	
Date of Next Review	1 st September 2020 (to reflect potential changes in guidance and practice)		