

<h1 style="color: purple;">Gorse Hill</h1> <h2>BAPTIST CHURCH</h2>		Covid-19 (Sunday Service)	
		Residual Risk Assessment	10 (Moderate)
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		Steve Robinson/ Jonathan Murphy	
Brief Description of Hazards Presented:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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?			

- All team members and congregants 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)
- Sanctuary not used for 72 hrs before or after Sunday Service, unless thorough cleaning has taken place including and especially of pews
- All attendees **must** sanitize their hands on entry to the building
- Only 60 max congregants. Maximum of 50 bookable, with some space for walkins from the wider community
- The fifty bookable seats will be first for invited attendees on a rotational basis and then opened up to wider booking, to a capacity of 50max
- Under 5's will attend the main service and will require to have a seat booked for them, even if they will be likely to sit on a parents knee. Parents to be briefed to keep strict control of their children at all times. All 5-16yos will be in the separate Sunday School provision
- All attendees will stay sat throughout other than to use the toilet
- Handwashing supported with instructional signage, dedicated handwashing facilities with antibacterial soap provided at point of use in toilets and antibacterial hand sanitizer at entrance
- Speaker and musicians to maintain social distancing of **2m** minimum at the front
- AV support maintain social distance of **1m in AV booth**
- Congregants are seated in pre assigned seats that are at least 1m apart side to side between HHG's, and with minimum **1m** (usually more) distance between pews.
- Service will be timed to last no more than **60 mins max**
- Congregants will wear face coverings in line with legislation, volunteers will not wear face coverings for ease of communication with **all** congregants but will **maintain 2m social distancing**
- Congregants will be seated from far back corner moving forward and then across the Sanctuary
- Arrival will be staggered using a system of booking arrival time slots on Eventbrite
- 1m Queue markers outside the Church and inside while waiting to be seated
- No entry via rear car park door, only through main door, exit via Car park fire door and Cricklade road main entrance to speed up departure and minimize contact. Congregants dismissed pew by pew
- Singers will have nobody in front of them for at least 2m when singing including any AV support resources
- Microphones are not shared
- No use of wind instruments
- No music playing during entrance and departure to remove the need to raise voices
- 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
- Contact tracing for congregants achieved using contact details stored in Eventbrite
- **Phase One (weeks 1-4) will have prerecorded worship, no congregational singing**
- Phase Two (week 5 onwards) will only have one singer, no congregational singing
- There will be a verbal safety briefing before the start of each service
- Instructional signage will be created for display throughout all key points of the congregant journey.
- No tea/ coffee served afterwards
- No crèche facilities
- Sunday School is via a separate entrance, with no cross over between main church and

<p>the Sunday school groups. A temporary barrier will be erected between the main toilets and the disabled toilets allowing for sequestering of the two groups, with no crossover in toilet usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toilets will be available for use but we will ask people to only use them for emergencies - An information video will be produced in advance of the first event, along with written guidance by email, demonstrating for all involved what will be required and each of the control measures in this risk assessment 			
Revised Likelihood Score	2	Residual Risk Assessment	10 (Moderate)
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 - GHBC Phased Return, Issued by HSEHO on 1st October 2020 			
What further control measures could the Church examine implementing?			
N/A			
This most recent review conducted by: (Name& Position)		Date	
Jonathan Murphy ACIEH		08-10-2020	
Date of Next Review	8 th November, before progression to Phase 2		