



## **COVID-19**

Although the UK Government's COVID-19 restrictions are no longer in place it is more important than ever that vulnerable people, those who feel more cautious and those who have suffered as a result of isolation during the last two years feel confident using village halls.

Consequently, we encourage all our hall users to follow the principles below as outlined by ACRE's guidance for village halls:

- People should stay at home if unwell.
- Those who have recently had COVID-19 should not attend the hall until either a week has passed and they no longer have symptoms or they have two negative lateral flow tests on days 5 and 6. They should inform their close contacts and avoid contact with anyone in an at-risk group. Contacts of people with COVID-19 are asked to take extra care, following general guidance on safer behaviours.
- Let fresh air in it at all possible. Opening a window for ten minutes helps. (This has also been shown to reduce risk of catching other airborne diseases such as flu).
- Continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet and when rates of transmission are high.
- Clean your hands often, avoid touching your face, nose or eyes.
- Maintain social distancing as far as possible from anyone you do not have regular contact with. Respect the fact that others may wish to take a more cautious approach.

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