NDVS Guide to re-engaging Community Space

Further Guidance: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-communityfacilities/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities

Are you a business, charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body:

Offering Voluntary or Charitable Services

Offering supervised activities for children/youth groups

A support group providing mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support

Or

Yes

Follow the guidance to see if you can re-engage with your community space No

You may not at this stage re-engage with your community space

Do you provide/offer this within a building?





Yes

Are you displaying the NHS QR poster.

If you operate as part of one of the following venues you now have a legal requirement to display the NHS QR posters in your venues (by the 24th September).

Hospitality

Leisure and tourism

Close contact services

Places of worship

Local authority venues

The QR code posters are free to download, and available online.



If your engagement is within an organised outdoor activity you may take part in that activity with up to 15 participants, however you must still adhere to the government guidance of the rule of 6, take mitigating actions within that group i.e. face coverings or distancing and you must remain socially distanced from other participants/groups or 6.

National Sporting Organisations have also produced guidance for training and taking part in their specific sport

If your activity is not an organised group you must limit engagement to:

people you live with or

someone you are in an established relationship with or

people you are legally permitted to establish a support bubble with or

in groups no greater than 6 in adherence to social distancing rules in an outdoor setting

You still need to have a Risk Assessment and Management Plan to undertake your activities and must also be able to positively state that you conformed with all the safety requirements laid down by government guidelines.

You will be breaking the law if you fail to follow these guidelines



Yes

Have you undertaken a Risk Assessment and Management Plan for the use of your building and can positively state that the venue is Covid-19 compliant and you conformed with all the safety requirements laid down by government guidelines. The building must also display the test and trace code.



No

You must download and display the QR poster by 24th September.





Yes

Does this include such considerations as:

Maximum capacity of the space while able to maintain social distancing according to the relevant guidelines including seating spaces

Identify points of high risk and put in place mitigating actions

Ensure safe access for those with additional needs

Have a policy for queue management and staggered entry and exit times

Consider the flow of groups and individuals in and out of the building

Provide clear signage and appropriate markings

Provide hand sanitizing points and cleaning and sanitizing procedures

Specify your safety measures for staff and/or volunteers

Establish emergency evacuation and meeting points

Establish procedures in case of attendees/volunteers/staff exhibiting signs or symptoms of the virus

This is not an exhaustive list and should be specific to your particular building or venue and circumstance

No

You must go
through the Risk
Assessment
process and
prepare a
Management Plan
before you consider
re-engaging your
community space

Yes

Can you adhere to the government guidelines of staying:

In formally organised groups/support groups can be no more than 15 participants

At least 2m away from people you do not live with or are in an established relationship with or are legally permitted to form a support bubble with.

More than 1m apart with extra steps in place to prevent the spread i.e. face covering

No

You are unable to re-engage your community space

Yes

You are, under the updated guidance, able to resume your programmes/activities/support.

Programmes/activities/support groups can take place in gatherings of up to 15 people (subject to capacity) in a COVID-19 secure community to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support to its members or those who attend its meetings.

Attendees should arrive and be seated in groups of 6 or less. Managing the arrival and departure times of different groups so as to reduce the pressure at exits and entrances.

As part of that gathering adult social groups, clubs and activities can gather inside a community space in groups no greater than 6 in adherence to social distancing rules and should limit their social interactions with anyone they do not live with.

Whilst activities may have 6 or more people participating (where it is safe to do so and capacity permits) it is important for all parties to maintain socially distant, 2 metres or 1 metre with actions taken to reduce the risk of transmission between households. For example, use of face coverings and encouraging good hand hygiene on entering premises and throughout visit.

A risk assessment and management plan should determine the maximum capacity of a hall or hire space while able to maintain social distancing according to the relevant guidelines. It should also identify points of high risk in the building and mitigating actions to address the identified risks.

Organisers should consider the cumulative impact of many venues re-opening in the same small area or large numbers of people travelling to a venue at the same time.