

Stanley Park Free Evangelical Church, Carshalton

Unlock Risk Assessment – Sunday Services

Version Draft 2.1	Updated draft issued to Diaconate
	Second Draft
	Third Draft

Relevant Documents

The latest government guidance at the time this risk assessment document was written can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-4-july#introduction>

Introduction

Before we get to the risk assessment, the following are specific to Stanley Park Evangelical Church, Carshalton and are the mitigations that the leadership team are putting in place: -

- We aim to create an environment that makes it easy for people to keep safe.
- We aim to create a culture for the new-normal way that adheres to keeping safe and is comfortable for all attendees.
- The church leadership will lead by example.

Although all are welcome to come along in line with government guidelines it is recommended that those who show symptoms or who have tested positive.

The plan is to have a morning only service at 10:30am with children going out to SPARKS during the service.

No other groups to meet without prior approval of the church leadership and with their risk assessment in place

Capacity

- Seating in the main hall will be placed to ensure all family groups/individuals are able to social distance if they want to be.

PPE

- It is recommended for the congregation to wear face coverings.

Risks and Mitigations

Risks	Mitigations
Lingering infection in the building prior to opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ample ventilation prior to opening • Building not in use for 72 hours prior to meeting
Incoming people spreading infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ample hand sanitizer on entry and around the building • Leave doors open where possible to avoid touching handles
Others using the building afterwards and infection transferring between multiple services on Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ample ventilation • Cleaning materials to be left out if people want to clean the seat prior to use.
Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning materials to be left out if people want to clean the seat prior to use.
Good congregation behaviour once seated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents to be responsible for their children at all times including food. • Educate and inform parents of their responsibilities both prior and if necessary, after the service • Parents to bring their own toys and books. Shared church toys are not available
Infection transferred by shared items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use shared items as little as possible – Bibles, hymn books and leaflets
Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements to be prepared using gloves • Bread to be served direct to participants and they are to take the wine themselves.
Baptism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Baptisms •
Raising Voices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing to be allowed when wearing face coverings
Emergencies – Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire safety preferences social distancing
First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No first aider • Mask and gloves available at the first aid point
Visiting Speaker / Pastor / AV interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs to be ready before congregation is allowed in.
Refreshments / Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments to be provided with kitchen opened with limited access • Wrapped biscuits to be used • Bottled water to be available if required.