On 9 August 2021, Scotland moved beyond protection level 0.

The new [rules and guidance](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.scot%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C726f428637db4ca379c908d9600bb598%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637646425666772825%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qX%2Fcaf2Kw5yd1LTv0JXq9MnNCqpazFSD9CmaX7y4dy8%3D&reserved=0) suggests that everyone should continue to act carefully and remain cautious. It provides [advice on how to stay safe](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.scot%2Fpublications%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-staying-safe-and-protecting-others%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C726f428637db4ca379c908d9600bb598%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637646425666782782%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=nc0lcHenNCSQgTvgBHiKwBprg0i3RIxQ8g2cv2UbDAM%3D&reserved=0).

The rules taking effect are:

* Face coverings will still be required
* Contact details should continue to be collected for Test and Protect
* No venue, legally, will be required to close
* Physical distancing will no longer be required by law
* Limits to social distancing will no longer apply

The following is now advisory: physical distancing indoors, good ventilation, rigorous hygiene, home working.

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| **Fairburn Memorial Hall - Covid-19 risk assessment (version 7)**  |
| Reviewed at committee meeting 16 August 2021* Keep physical distancing at 1 meter, with an increase on the current capacity limit to setting it to 70 people
* Face coverings will still be required when entering the hall, moving around and in the toilets/kitchen.
* Dancing is classed as exercise, so you do not need to wear a mask whilst dancing. And dancing at life events is now permitted.
* Contact details should continue to be collected for Test and Protect
* Cleaning and sanitization routine continues
* Conditions and guidance reviewed monthly at committee meetings until further notice
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| **Item**  | **Risk identified**  | **Area of people at risk**  | **Actions being taken to mitigate risk** |
| One | Surfaces are infected by people carrying the virus | Volunteers (committee) and staff carrying out activities to maintain the hall, including sanitisation, deep cleaning, regular cleaning, access to heating and scheduled maintenance of equipment | Do not enter if feel unwell or have been contacted by track and trace/contact with a person who might have Covid at entrances and in the foyer and main hall.Display government advice to stay [safe you should](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-safe-and-protecting-others/) posters. Communicate to bookers.  |
|  |  | Those disposing of rubbish containing tissues and cleaning cloths | Volunteers and staff provided with protective equipment (gloves and face coverings) |
|  |  | Building | Reinforce FACTS via signage throughout the hall (wash hands in toilets, use face coverings, social distancing) |
|  |  | Occasional maintenance workers | Staff to check contractors have correct/own PPE |
|  |  | Hall users (bookings) | Users are asked to wipe all surfaces after use with the cleaning products given (signage in place) |
|  |  | Vulnerable people (check what the definition is) | Those in self certified vulnerable category advised not to enter the hall until they feel safe to do so. |
| Two | Someone who has used the hall tests positive for Covid-19  | Volunteers and staff | all persons working in the hall must sign in and out. Contact details will be known by the committee who will inform as soon as possible. |
|  |  | Occasional maintenance workers | Supplier contacted immediately by a member of the committee |
|  |  | Building | Deep cleaning premises if someone is suspected to have or confirmed Covid 19. Volunteers and staff advised to wash outer clothes after cleaning duties. |
|  |  | Hall users (bookings) | the named person booking the hall must keep a list of all the people entering the hall, which includes a way to contact details. If a COVID-19 case occurs, they will be asked for a list of names and confirmation that they have contacted everyone. No contact data to be held by the hall for GDPR compliance |

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|  | somebody falls ill with suspected Covid-19 whilst in hall  | All | committee room designated as Covid 19 waiting room for ill patient. Chair and Covid-19 first aid box in situ with signage and instructions. Update T+C. |
| Three | Social distancing is not adhered too as people congregate (eg event). Parking is too congested to allow social distancing. People drop litter | Users of the park/behind hall | For events and social gatherings, the committee decided to keep physical distancing inside the hall at 1 meter spacing. The one-way system can be removed unless needed for multiple users.  This will be decided on a case by case basis.   |
| Four | Possible pinch points and busy areas where social distancing is not observed if too many people. Area in high use  | All users | Follow the government guidance depending on which level and arrangements. The one-way system can be removed unless needed for multiple users.  This will be decided on a case by case basis.   |
|  |  |  | Hand sanitisers at the ingress and egress points. And encourage good ventilation.  |
|  |  |  | Door handles and lights regularly cleaned by those using the hall |
|  |  |  | Can accept multiple users, subject to the capacity limit set (currently 70) as long as both parties, of the multiple users are communicated with and content. (Covid committee representatives and booking clerk to work together)The one-way system can be removed unless needed for multiple users.  This will be decided on a case by case basis.  Cleaning must take place in between the groups using the hall. |
| Five | Main hall - social distancing to be observed. Surfaces in frequent use.  | Building | Limit the surfaces and equipment that are used to minimise cleaning requirements before use. |
|  |  | Hall users | A social distancing guidance of 1m to be observed and follow activity guidance. This will differ for the type of activity. When hiring use of hall equipment to be kept to that which is essential and where bookers cannot bring their own. The stage area is not to be used. |
|  |  |  | Social distancing guidance of 1m and 70 people capacity in the hall to be followed |
| six | Toilets - social distancing difficult.  | All users | Signage to remember to wash hands clear. Control the numbers accessing the toilet. Up to three people now in the toilet with a mask on.  |

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|  | Surfaces in frequent use. |  | ladies. Sign on all toilers door "up to 3 persons allowed in toilet at once". |
|  |  | Hall bookings | Arrange a cleaning of all surfaces before user group arrives |
| Seven | Committee room - may be more difficult to social distance in smaller area  | All | Use is limited and will only be considered for small meetings/groups (how many check space) or essential service users when there is no one else using the hall. Considered on a case by case basis by the booking clerk and the Covid group |
|  |  |  | Clean to be done before a user. Hirers should clean surfaces before and after use with cleaning products provided |
| Eight | Office use - may be more difficult to social distance in smaller area  | All | Use is limited to essential staff and will only be considered for bookings of essential services. This will be reviewed at different levels of the roadmap. Bookings considered on a case by case basis, using this guidance having checked with the committee (covid group) |
|  |  |  | Clean to be done before a user. Hirers should clean surfaces before and after use with cleaning products provided |
| Nine | Kitchen - social distancing may be more difficult. Many surfaces on equipment, kettle, fridge, crockery, cutlery etc.  | Staff and volunteers | Asked to limit use of the kitchen and use own crockery and cutlery |
|  |  | Bookers (hirers) | Hirers requested to limit the use of the kitchen to access the sink for water only. Hirers to consider if food and drink is absolutely necessary and to provide their own cutlery and crockery. Hirers to bring their own tea towels etc. and consider disposable items. Cleaning materials will be clearly identified and made available. |
| Ten | Surfaces are not wiped/cleaned by users (hirers)  | Bookers (hirers) | Hirers to clean all areas likely to be used before and after use |
|  |  |  | A clean of the hall to be carried out after hire before another hire can enter. Wiping all taps, handles and touch points with disinfectant. |
|  |  | Staff and volunteers | To be able to check on the hall usage and cleaning, if clean has not happened they should wipe surfaces  |

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| Eleven | Health and wellbeing issues arise  | Staff and volunteers | Regular check in with people and support each other. All mindful that additional pressures may result in delay or changes to normal working arrangements. Health and wellbeing for all is important and is a priority over the hiring of the hall. If the committee is not comfortable or confident that covid safe arrangements can be policed and monitored, a booking can’t be taken. |