

Newbold Church

Crisis Monitoring and Management Group (CMMG)

Coronavirus COVID-19

Phase 1: Containment

In order to mitigate risk of exposure and contamination, and care for each other:

- Notices in all building entrances to inform about actions to take if travelled or in contact with others who have. Respond as directed by www.gov.uk
- Cough or sneeze into tissue (catch it, bin it, kill it). Frequent hand washing for 20 secs, avoid touching face
- Daily disinfect hand-touch surfaces
- Prep areas in advance of meetings
- Communicate plan & changes
- On-line communications to all 'users' of facilities
- Prayer ministry
- Remote connection between church and members to be improved
- 'Visitation' by phone to prevent social isolation- expand

Phase 2: Delay

In order to delay the speed at which the virus spreads, take a stepwise approach based on CMO. & HM Gov. developments, guidance and local risk assessment:

- If a cough or fever (temperature of 37.8c or above) is experienced the individual must not enter the building / premises. Self-isolate at home for 7 days. Follow advice
- Cancel large gatherings and meetings; internal and external
- Remote connection to sustain spiritual food and care
- Church behind closed doors- streamed – extends beyond existing arrangement
- Close church to all events until further notice
- Consider small group ministries for spiritual and social support (can be remote connection)
- 'Visitation' by phone to sick and to reduce social isolation- expand ++
- Move to remote connection for essential meetings.

Phase 3: Research

- As delay phase actions
- Extend spiritual and social care for our church and local community

Phase 4: Mitigate

- Long term closure of facilities
- Essential services sustained

Considerations for decision-making

Phase 1-Containment (up to 11.03.2020) (Amber)

- Will question if travelled to highly affected areas or in contact with anyone who has.
- Will question if any symptoms of dry cough, breathing difficulties, fever, and /or muscle aches. If any of above, self isolate (for 7 days), call 111 for advice.
- Necessary to take infection prevention precautions: wash hands for 20 secs in soap & water, cough/ sneeze into tissue (catch, bin, kill it), avoid touching face

- Considering moving to first step of social distancing: avoid close contact; 1 metre apart (2 metres for those with Long Term Conditions), avoid handshakes, hugging and kissing. Apply principles of universal precautions.
- Will assess risk of all planned activities where highly susceptible people will be in attendance or risk spread due to contact.
- Will be planning home working and remote connection resources for next phase.
- Taking advice from HM Government, Chief Medical Officer and local experts on moving to next stage. Being proactive when considering short term activities- assess risk of increasing virus spread.

**Considerations for decision-making –
Phase 2- (From 12.03.2020)- Delay (Red)**

- Actively assessing risk of all regular and planned activity.
- Considers number, proximity, type of activity, attendees, environment, & premises
- Older people with pre-existing health conditions advised to stay at home; away from gatherings.
- Considering whether older people and anyone with pre-existing health conditions are involved in the activity?
- Question whether the event or activity is essential. Decision to postpone or cancel.
- Considering what feasible alternatives can be offered.
- Question whether leaders, volunteers or event participants have cough or temperature 37.8c? Self isolate for 7 days. Call 111 only if seriously ill- otherwise self care at home (see www.gov.uk).
- Weigh up the risks & benefits of continuing or cancelling the event.
- Question what the potential unintended consequences of continuing with the event or cancelling the event.
- Question what high risk activity might accelerate the spread of COVID-19
- HM Gov. proposal- Postpone or cancel large scale gatherings. Work at home. Remote meetings.

Indicators for escalation to next phase

- Assess risk of all events from 'now' and submit to CMMG for approval
- Make reasonable judgement based on indicators / advice from CMO/ HM Gov.
- Escalate to next stage based on perceived or actual risk to Newbold community
- Where employees, volunteers or attendees are exposed to or contract the virus
- Where a positive case is diagnosed amongst attendees
- Where deep cleaning is required due to infected case
- Where implications of cost (personal health, social burden of disease, financial) outweigh progress of the event
- Where National and local guidance changes at short notice.