

## **Public Health Advice for Events following 'Reducing the spread of respiratory infections, including COVID-19, in the workplace' (updated 11 April 2022)**

Currently Covid-19 infection rates are high in the East of England, as nationally, with approximately 1 in 13 individuals testing positive for Covid-19. Nationally, there has been some stabilisation of Covid-19 rates in children and young people, but there have been considerable increases in some of the older age groups including the 70+ age group. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, those in hospital with Covid-19 has increased with approximately of a ¼ of those patients being in hospital predominantly for illness due to Covid-19. Therefore, with the currently high rates of infection, it is still important to maximise all the measures to reduce risks of Covid-19 infection and sickness.

At the beginning of April various new guidance was released to enable living safely with Covid-19 and other respiratory infections. This includes:

- [Symptoms of coronavirus](#)
- [Guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, or a positive test result for COVID-19](#)
- [Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#)
- [Reducing the spread of respiratory infections, including COVID-19, in the workplace](#)

Public Health advice for events has been updated and is set out below:

1. Vaccination – Event organisers should support staff and customers taking up the vaccine and boosters when they become eligible.
2. Stay at home if unwell, if tested positive, try to stay at home for 5 days.
3. Protect staff and customers from Covid-19 by.
  - a. Assessing the level of ventilation in indoor spaces, per the HSE guidance, and include that in your risk assessment. Bringing in fresh air to occupied spaces can help to reduce the concentration of respiratory particles.
  - b. Ensure good hand hygiene through hand washing and provision of hand sanitisers
  - c. Continue frequent, cleaning of high hand-touch surfaces at the venue including communal areas and any shared equipment such as microphones.
  - d. Continue to promote the wearing of face coverings in indoor and/or crowded places where people may come into contact with people they do not normally meet.

Event organizers should continue to comply with the requirements for cleaning, ventilation, and welfare facilities in the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 or the Construction Design and Management Regulations 2015 to control occupational health and safety risks. For any queries, please contact your local Environmental Health Team.