

# COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

**Date Of Assessment:** 9th September 2020 - Updated 1st October 2020 - Updated 18th January 2021 - Updated 11th May  
Updated 19th July 2021

**Date Of Review:** Ongoing

**Undertaken By:** Craig G Pennington (with consultation across Future Yard team)

**Role:** Director

## **What Is The Activity, Person and/or Environment Being Assessed?**

Live Music Events at Future Yard, 75 Argyle Street, Birkenhead CH41 6AB  
Staff & Artists (for Audiences, see specific risk assessment)

This document is continuously updated & reviewed in light of changing guidance.

This risk assessment has been informed & shaped by UK Government's latest COVID-19 guidance.  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>



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Getting or spreading coronavirus by not washing hands or not washing them adequately	Members of staff Artists	All staff & artists encouraged to increase frequency of hand washing & regular hand sanitising.  Sanitiser stations at entrance to venue, exit from toilets, within performance space, dressing rooms, & production areas.  Adequate signage at sinks within toilets to advise of thorough hand washing technique.	Measures fully communicated to all artists & staff in advance of events.  Ensure sufficient & relevant signage is in place to support the measures.  Ensure sanitiser stations, soap & cleaning products are fully topped up in advance of (& during) all events.	MH / CP  CP / House Management  House Management	In advance of & during events
Getting or spreading coronavirus in backstage area, dressing rooms, side of stage and production areas	Members of staff Artists	Full disinfection of backstage areas before & after all events. Inc. dressing rooms, side of stage & production areas.	Measures fully communicated to all artists & staff in advance of events.  Ensure sufficient & relevant signage is in place to support the measures.  Implement updated cleaning regime & procedures.  Floor markings in place.	MH / CP  CP / House Management  CP / House Management  CP / House Management	In advance of events



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Getting or spreading coronavirus through members of staff and/or artists working together	Members of staff  Artists	Any sharing of backline and/or microphones. subject to deep cleaning between usage.	Measures fully communicated to all artists & staff in advance of events.  Ensure sufficient & relevant signage is in place to support the measures.  Floor markings in place.	MH / CP  CP / House Management  CP / House Management	In advance of events
Getting or spreading coronavirus by not cleaning surfaces and/or equipment	Members of staff  Artists	All toilets, surfaces, dressing rooms, production areas & common touchpoints fully disinfected before get-in commences & following each performance. Work surfaces disinfected regularly during event.  Performance space & full venue disinfected prior to & following all events.	Implement updated cleaning regime & procedures.	CP / House Management	In advance of & during events



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Poor venue ventilation leading to risks of coronavirus spreading	Members of staff  Artists	A new ventilation system to be installed within our performance space & stage area, drawing clean air from outside & extracting 'used' air from the venue. System specified to x20 air changes per hour & consistent with latest SAGE guidance.  New ventilation systems also added to all toilet areas.	Ensure systems are in place ahead of commencement of events.	CP	In advance of events
Asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19	Members of staff  Artists	All artists, staff & crew will be required to return a negative COVID test within the 24 hours before arriving on site and sign a health declaration.  All Permanent Staff to test daily & post negative results in dedicated team Slack Channel.	Measures fully communicated to all artists & staff in advance of events.  All staff to present their test result on arrival & confirm negative result on Health Questionnaire.	CP / MH	In advance of events



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Transfer of coronavirus via airborne droplets	Members of staff  Artists	All customers, staff and performing artists will be given the option to wear face coverings, consistent with the most recent government guidance.	Measures fully communicated to all artists & staff in advance of events.  Ensure sufficient & relevant signage is in place to support the measures.  Ensure free face coverings are available to staff, artists & audience at all events	MH / CP  CP / House Management  CP / House Management  CP / House Management	In advance of & during events
An inability of NHS Track And Trace to contact those in attendance should someone show symptoms after the event	Members of staff  Artists	NHS Track & Trace APP QR code on display at venue entrance, both FOH and BOH. All visitors can check-in via the app, should they so wish.	Measures fully communicated to all artists & staff in advance of events.  Health Declaration questionnaire to be undertaken by all staff, artists & contractors.	MH / CP  CP / House Management	In advance of & during events
Getting or spreading coronavirus as a result of unwell / symptomatic people attending an event	Members of staff  Artists	Any artists / staff members who have coronavirus symptoms, live with those with symptoms or who have been advised by NHS Test & Trace to self-isolate must not attend event.  External contractors will also need to ensure this is adhered to within their workforce.	Communicate measure to artists, staff & contractors in advance & via signage at entrance.  Health Declaration questionnaire to be undertaken by all staff, artists & contractors.	MH / CP  CP / House Management	In advance of & during events



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Concern and anxiety around coronavirus	Members of staff Artists	Engage with staff in the development of risk assessment & policies, shaping our approach collaboratively.  Communication of risk assessments, policies & procedures to all staff & artists in advance of events.  Adopt all current & relevant UK Government guidance as far as is feasibly possible & relevant to our operations.	Ongoing collaboration with all staff in updating of risk assessment & policies.  Communicate measure to artists, staff & contractors in advance & via signage at entrance.  Display 'Staying COVID secure' notice to indicate our adoption of UK Government guidance.	CP  CP  CP	Ongoing & in advance of all events
Increased risk of infection and complications for vulnerable workers	Members of staff Artists	Engage with staff & artists at high risk & those who are clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable, or live with people within these groups. Identify all possible additional procedures to ensure risk reduction for these individuals.	Communicate measure to artists, staff & contractors.  Identify staff & artists who fall within these groups & engage dialogue.	CP	Ongoing
Getting or spreading coronavirus when travelling to and/or from our venue	Members of staff Artists	Staff & Artists encouraged to walk & cycle where possible. If travelling by public transport, abide by all current restrictions.  Staff & Artists encouraged to travel within their 'fixed team' only.	Communicate measure to artists, staff & contractors in advance & via signage at entrance.	MH / CP	In advance of events
Coronavirus policies inhibiting implementation of standard accidents & security procedures	Members of staff Artists	Review our incident & emergency procedures to ensure they allow social distancing as far as possible.	Ensure procedures are fit for purpose & updated.  Ensure adequate staffing levels to ensure measures are delivered.	CP  CP	In advance of events





