

Covid risk assessment for rallies in London and West Cumbria on 07.09.2021

Risk

There is a risk, although low for outdoor events with small numbers of people expected, of Covid being spread between attendees, posing a threat to their health and safety. To minimise this risk, the following communication will be directed to attendees before and during the events. This combination will make it likely that most attendees arrive prepared and Covid-safe, but that any attendees that do not directly engage with this messaging before the events will receive it at the events.

Messaging

Attendees will be encouraged beforehand to arrive at the events safely and only if they are feeling well, have not had a Covid-positive PCR/LF test, or been alerted by the SERCO track and trace app to self-isolate over the day of these events. Attendees will be encouraged to socially distance at the rallies themselves – including from any police present, wear facemasks where possible, and use hand sanitiser during the events, particularly if they are handling banners.

Method and timing

Messaging will be communicated via event listings, invitations, and emails before the event. During the events, organisers will engage attendees on these safety precautions to minimise the possible spread of Covid.

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| Hazard | Who and how | Mitigation before the event | Mitigation during the event | Responsible persons | When |
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| Covid19 infection | Those attending rally potentially expose one another to Covid19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event is outdoors • social distancing announcements during the event; all face forwards not each other. • Attendees invited to wear face coverings if they need to be close to others at any time. • Attendees will be encouraged to stay at home if feeling unwell before or on the day of the event, or have been notified by the Serco's track and trace system to self-isolate. • Attendees carry own hand sanitisers; avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. • Free additional hand sanitiser will be made available. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing reminders repeated throughout the event • Those attending encouraged to carefully sanitise their hands and clothing on return to their homes • Reminders during event about kindness to those who are exempt from wearing masks | Organisers | In event invites and reminders, and on the day |
| Attendees close to Police Officers attending | Risk of infection from Police Officers | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisers to visually monitor policing conduct throughout the event. • Regular reminders from organisers that police could be infectious and a personal safety hazard. • All present reminded to maintain min. 2m distance from all Police officers at the rally. • Rally expected to be small with minimal police presence. | Organiser | 07.9.21 |

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| <p>Participants spreading and contracting COVID-19 as a result of public and staff interaction.</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice before the event will ask participants to bring their own hand gel if they intend to distribute fliers to the public and to mind social distancing when they do so, emphasizing to wear a mask if they're able to so the public feel safer in engagements. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants handing out leaflets will be encouraged to sanitise their hands regularly. • Participants will be reminded to maintain social distancing from public. • Enough space will be left to allow for public to walk around participants and for the staff to access the office, whilst maintaining social distancing. | <p>Organisers</p> | <p>In event invites and reminders, and on the day</p> |
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