

Risk Assessment for Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival 2021

Village Procession

Sunday 18 July 2021

The event

1.30pm – a small procession of trade union banners carried by delegations representing Dorset workers will assemble near the Tolpuddle Martyrs Tree.

Led by Eternal Taal drumming band, the procession will march to the Methodist Chapel to the East of the village and turn around to return.

The procession will be filmed and live-streamed as part of the Tolpuddle Martyrs Online Festival.

Covid-19 Guidance

The event will adhere to the government's general guidance on risk during the Covid-19 pandemic:

1. If you have any of the following coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Stay at home and arrange to have a PCR test – self-isolate for at least 10 days from when your symptoms started, and:

2. There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

- **Wash hands** – keep washing your hands regularly
- **Cover face** – wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- **Make space** – exercise caution and consider the risks - try to stay at least two metres apart – or one metre with a face covering or other precautions

The organisers take note of the full text of *The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021*, online at: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/364/pdfs/ukxi_20210364_en.pdf

At the start of the event volunteers will take reasonable steps to ensure that all participants are aware of the need to:

- Wear a mask or face covering when required.
- Engage in social distancing by keeping a safe distance (2 metres or 1 metre with a face mask) from people not in your household wherever reasonably practicable.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose. Sanitise your hands before touching your mask or removing your mask.
- Sanitise your hands regularly, avoid touching objects that aren't your own and do not share any equipment.
- If you need to cough, cough in a tissue and dispose of it safely (bin or take with you in a bag)
- If you feel a particular area is becoming too crowded, please check your distance and move away from others.
- Parents and carers of children and young people need to help their children with understanding the importance of hand hygiene, and help them to regularly wash/sanitise.

Risk assessment and guidance to all participants

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
<p>Person infected with Covid-19 attends. This could include asymptomatic cases that have not self-isolated in accordance with current regulations.</p>	<p>Other participants, emergency services staff could contract the virus via direct or indirect exposure to Covid-19 (via respiratory droplets, aerosols or contact with contaminated surfaces)</p>	<p>Participants, prior to attendance, via social media messaging, are advised that if they are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms they must NOT attend the event. (SYMPTOMS: A new, continuous cough, a high temperature, and/or a loss of or change in their normal sense of smell or taste.)</p> <p>Encourage participants to adhere to the Government's general guidance as set out below.</p>	<p>Preventing exposure to the virus is preferable to trying to deal with an exposure after it has happened. Therefore, measures to prevent attendance in the first place, by symptomatic participants, is the most appropriate control.</p> <p>If parents/carers are accompanying children/young people to a protest, they should ensure the child/young person is not experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms.</p>	<p>Everyone</p> <p>Pre-event communications people</p> <p>Parents/carers</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>Spread of Covid-19 to other people via the contaminated hands of a person at the protest. People attend the event with hands contaminated with the virus.</p>	<p>Other participants, or emergency service staff may contract the virus via indirect exposure to the virus, via the contaminated hands of another participant.</p>	<p>To reduce the risk of infection transmission via the contaminated hands of another person, participants are encouraged to follow handwashing/sanitising protocols prior to and during their attendance. Stations will be available at the Tolpuddle Martyrs Museum site.</p> <p>Physical distancing will be promoted and encouraged.</p> <p>Covid volunteers to monitor transmission minimisation measures and remind/help participants to adhere to them.</p> <p>Covid volunteers to be mindful if there are young people on the protest, and engage with parents/carers to promote infection control measures.</p> <p>Encourage participants to adhere to the Government's general guidance.</p>	<p>Encouraging regular handwashing/sanitising will reduce the risk of infection transmission via this route to a minimum.</p> <p>Physical distancing will minimise the risk of infection transmission via other people's hands.</p> <p>There are no plans to issue leaflets or other materials to the general public.</p> <p>Parents and carers of children and young people (if present) to help their children with understanding the importance of hand hygiene, and help them to regularly wash/sanitise.</p>	<p>Everyone</p> <p>Covid volunteers to monitor transmission minimisation measures and remind/help participants to adhere to them</p> <p>Parents/carers</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

<p>Spread of Covid-19 to other people via respiratory droplets and aerosols. Participants at the protest distribute respiratory droplets and aerosols by talking, coughing or sneezing.</p>	<p>Other participants, the public or emergency service staff may contract the virus via direct or indirect exposure to the virus, via contaminated respiratory droplets and aerosols from an infected person at the event.</p>	<p>As an outdoor event the risk is much reduced. Participants are encouraged to wear a face covering. Participants are encouraged not to touch their eyes, nose and mouth. Participants who need to cough, sneeze or blow their nose are encouraged to use a tissue, which should then be disposed of safely (into a bag carried by the participant or a bin). Parents/carers of young people (if present) to help their children to understand and practice respiratory hygiene. Covid volunteers to monitor transmission minimisation measures and remind/help participants to adhere to them. Encourage participants to adhere to the Government's general guidance</p>	<p>If participants do not have tissues available, using the crook of their elbow to cough or sneeze into, is to be encouraged as an alternative measure. Participants who wish to shout or sing should continue to wear a face covering, and be mindful of their physical distancing from other people. Reinforcing respiratory hygiene messaging regularly will minimise the risk of infection via respiratory droplets and aerosols. Covid volunteers to be mindful of young people on the event (if present), and engage with parents/carers to promote infection control measures.</p>	<p>Everyone Covid volunteers to monitor transmission minimisation measures and remind/help participants to adhere to them</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>Getting or spreading coronavirus through participants from different households travelling together in cars, or on public transport.</p>	<p>Participants travelling to the event may become infected by exposure to the virus from a fellow traveller, either on public transport or in private vehicles.</p>	<p>The event is restricted to local representation and should, therefore, avoid significant travel from other parts of the country. Participants are encouraged to observe guidelines and protocols around hand washing/sanitising and respiratory hygiene. Parents/carers to help children and young people (if present) with infection control measures. Encourage participants to adhere to the Government's general guidance</p>	<p>Encourage participants to use face coverings when in private transport and keep vehicles well ventilated. Wear a face covering when using public transport (which is a legal requirement at present). Encourage participants to carry hand sanitiser with them and use frequently. Encourage participants to sit side-to-side, rather than face-to-face, if recommended physical distancing measures are not achievable.</p>	<p>Everyone Pre-event communications folk. Parents/carers.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

<p>Contracting or spreading the virus by not physical distancing. During the event physical distancing guidelines are not strictly adhered to.</p>	<p>Participants, the general public or emergency service staff may become infected by being too close to a person who is infected, and contracting the virus either through direct (respiratory droplets or aerosols) or indirect (contaminated surfaces, including hands) transmission routes.</p>	<p>Participants to be encouraged/reminded to observe physical distancing guidelines at regular intervals, by Covid volunteers and fellow participants. Encourage participants to use the double arm-reach technique if in doubt about distances. Many of the participants will be carrying banners and therefore at least 2m astride from each other. Participants to be encouraged/reminded to use a face covering, so as to reinforce the message. Parents/carers and stewards to help/remind children and young people, if present, to practise physical distancing. Covid volunteers to monitor transmission minimisation measures and remind/help participants to adhere to them. Encourage participants to adhere to the Government's general guidance</p>	<p>Participants to be encouraged to stand or sit side by side, rather than face to face, if recommended physical distancing is not feasible. Marshalls will maintain the advance of the procession to avoid pressure on maintaining social distances while ensuring general safety from vehicles passing.</p>	<p>Everyone Covid volunteers to monitor transmission minimisation measures and remind/help participants to adhere to them Parents/carers</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>Contracting or spreading the virus via contaminated surfaces Whilst at the event surfaces become contaminated with the virus and are touched.</p>	<p>Participants, the general public or emergency services staff, could contract the virus via a contaminated surface.</p>	<p>Participants are encouraged to regularly wipe down surfaces likely to be touched, with an appropriate surface cleaner or wipe (ordinary domestic products can be used). Volunteers to monitor transmission minimisation measures and remind/help participants to adhere to them. Encourage participants to adhere to the Government's general guidance</p>	<p>Surfaces may include banner poles if there is a changeover of carriers during the procession. Regular surface cleaning during the protest will minimise the chances of infection transmission. Parents/carers, assisted by Covid volunteers, to encourage children and young people (if present) not to touch surfaces where possible, and if this happens, to practice hand hygiene and clean touched surfaces afterwards.</p>	<p>Everyone Covid volunteers to monitor transmission minimisation measures and remind/help participants to adhere to them Parents/carers</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	