

## COVID-19 - Reopening Advice For Village Halls

Our clients are welcome to resume operations from 4th July 2020 but please note that halls cannot currently be used for indoor fitness or sport activities.

There are no restrictions from an insurance perspective on reopening the hall from this time. We would simply reiterate the advice that if anybody shows symptoms then they should not attend the Hall and should a user have been in contact with anyone suffering from the virus they must self-isolate.

If you are welcoming people into your premises then you must ensure social distancing continues: adding floor markers or any other methods to keep people socially distanced are recommended. You must carry out a risk assessment ahead of any reopening and record your findings.

We recommend that you consider the following points before reopening:

- Cleaning the premises thoroughly before and after each use
- Imposing a cleaning regime in respect of heavily touched items such as door handles, light switches and so on
- Imposing one-way systems where possible and other social distancing measures
- Providing PPE if and when appropriate
- Leaving internal doors open whilst the premises are occupied
- Making hand sanitiser and paper towels freely available
- Running taps before first use so as to reduce the risk of legionella

If an outbreak were to be traced to the Hall it would be very unlikely that you could be held liable provided you have taken reasonable precautions. The third party would have to prove that they had contracted the virus both at your premises and as a result of your negligence. Should they be able to do that then the Public Liability section of the policy would pay compensation.

Please check our websites for any updates on your requirements: [www.villagehallinsurance.co.uk](http://www.villagehallinsurance.co.uk) for Ansvar policyholders and <https://www.insureyourvillagehall.co.uk/> for our clients with Insure Your Village Hall.

There is also some useful information on the Health & Safety Executive website. This goes into more detail on the recommendations and offers practical advice on all such matters. This can be found at the following: [www.hse.gov.uk/news/coronavirus.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/news/coronavirus.htm)



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