

ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

Coronavirus Risk Assessment

<i>What is the risk?</i>	<i>Who might be harmed & how?</i>	<i>What is done to mitigate the risk?</i>	<i>How are these measures put into place?</i>	<i>What further action could be considered?</i>
Spread of the virus through contact with an infected person	<p>Anyone attending the chapel or Sunday school could catch the virus from an individual who is infected, regardless if they are displaying symptoms or not (asymptomatic)</p> <p>The effects of the virus can vary; however the current strain has been milder than previous strains.¹</p>	<p>Isolation – Anyone with known Covid symptoms should stay away from all chapel / Sunday school services for in line with government advice ²</p> <p>Vaccination – All eligible individuals can access Covid vaccinations should they choose to do so, which may not stop infection but can mitigate the effect of the virus on the individual ³</p> <p>Social-distancing – Individuals are encouraged to consider a safe distance inside the chapel based on their own assessment of vulnerability⁴</p>	<p>All attending to practise these measures</p> <p>Church leaders to communicate this through signage, notices or discussions with individuals</p> <p>Church leaders will communicate with regular attenders to the church when any household in the church tests positive for the virus so that those who may be close contacts to that individual can consider if they should isolate in line with current guidelines.⁵</p>	<p>Further suggestions to be noted and discussed with church leaders.</p> <p>The church may revert to measures implemented in previous alert levels should the effects of the virus or government guidance change.</p>

¹ See UK / Welsh government information for up-to-date information regarding current variants of Covid-19 and any new variants of concern

² See Welsh Government guidelines for known Covid symptoms and the current required / advised periods for isolation

³ See Welsh Government information regarding vaccination programme for further information

⁴ See further information regarding this in the next section of the risk assessment

⁵ Depending on the number of cases or individuals involved, church leaders may decide to cancel services for a time if deemed necessary to avoid further contact.

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Spread of the virus through the air within the building	Anyone attending the chapel or Sunday school could catch the virus from asymptomatic individual who spreads the virus into the air	<p>Ventilation – the chapel and school room have exceptionally high ceilings and doors are generally left open during morning services⁶</p> <p>Social-distancing – individuals are welcome to sit within the chapel with 2 metre gap around them should they choose to (Similar arrangements can be made in the Sunday school if requested)⁷</p> <p>Face coverings – are no longer required by law but may be used by those who wish to ⁸</p>	<p>All attending to practise these measures</p> <p>Church leaders to communicate this through signage, notices or discussions with individuals</p> <p>Doors to be opened and shut by church leaders or those volunteering to help with meetings</p>	<p>Further suggestions to be noted and discussed with church leaders.</p> <p>The church may revert to measures implemented in previous alert levels should the effects of the virus or government guidance change.</p>

⁶ Doors will be shut during exceptionally cold, windy or adverse weather

⁷ While the legal requirement for social distancing has been removed, the church building has adequate space for anyone to practise this should they wish to. We shall endeavour always to be respectful of individual preferences.

⁸ Church deacons will be wearing masks while passing the bread and cups for the Lord's Table at least until the next review of this risk assessment

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Spread of the virus through contact with contaminated surface	Anyone attending the chapel or Sunday school could catch the virus from touching surfaces contaminated by droplets of the virus	<p>Hand washing / sanitation – hand sanitisers provided throughout the building including hand washing in the toilets⁹</p> <p>Cleaning wipes / regime – cleaning wipes available throughout the building and regular cleaning of all main surfaces to be conducted by church volunteers</p> <p>Gloves / food preparation – gloves to be used by deacons when sharing food items such as the Lord's Table¹⁰</p>	<p>All attending to practise these measures.</p> <p>Church leaders to communicate this through signage, notices or discussions with individuals</p> <p>Church leaders and volunteers helping with meetings to inspect hand washing / sanitation / gloves supplies and regularly work together to clean the building</p>	<p>Further suggestions to be noted and discussed with church leaders.</p> <p>The church may revert to measures implemented in previous alert levels should the effects of the virus or government guidance change.</p>

⁹ In respect of the toilets, an individual paper towel dispenser has replaced the communal towel. Hand washing facilities regularly inspected.

¹⁰ Creative measures such as cocktail sticks with pre-cut up bread and/or individually packaged items will be considered to avoid individuals touching each other's food.

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For further information or to discuss risks or measures relating to this risk assessment, please contact one of the Llandrindod Evangelical Church deacons.

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