

Dancers are aware that they come to the Club to dance and socialise at their own risk.

Issues	Expansion & explanation of hazard	Mitigation of risk	Extra mitigation recommended	
Organisers Responsibility	The Club Committee have responsibility for ensuring official guidelines are followed and to ensure that all club members have a safe environment to dance	To ensure that all club members are made aware of the Risk Assessment and Guidelines and encouraged to follow them.		
Impact of vaccinations	Two doses of current vaccines give a high level of protection against severe disease and need for hospitalisation BUT ARE NOT 100% EFFECTIVE. Booster vaccinations are becoming available.	Face coverings should be worn in communal areas of the hall and toilets. Good ventilation will be maintained in the hall Dancers should be double vaccinated and keep up to date with boosters. They will have their temperature taken on entry to the building and if raised asked to go home.	Additional use of face coverings whilst dancing is encouraged. A Lateral Flow Test within the last 24 hours is also recommended to help keep others safe.	

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Contact Tracing	Fully vaccinated persons may nevertheless be infected but symptomless and so transmit infection	Contact registers to be kept for each dance and retained for 3 weeks. These should include dancers, spectators and musician. The building venues QR code and the NHS app can be used.	
Ventilation	Adequate ventilation is necessary to disperse the airborne droplets and aerosols which are still the MAIN method of transmission.	Open doors and windows as required.	
English Martyrs Hall rules and our insurance requirements	This risk assessment is required for both English Martyrs Hall and for our insurers and MUST be followed.	We must adhere to the venue's requirements	

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Hygiene - hands & face	<p>Covid virus is spread by airborne droplets.</p> <p>Scottish Country dancing is an aerobic activity with contact.</p>	<p>Dancers should be advised to sanitise hands between dances. Hand gel should be available, but dancers to be encouraged to bring their own.</p> <p>MCs will use a microphone to avoid 'projecting'</p>		
Refreshments	The kitchen is not available	<p>Dancers and others attending events to bring their own refreshments.</p> <p>Social distancing to be encouraged during breaks.</p>		

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Communication	<p>Not all dancers will be aware of how Covid can still impact on them and those in contact with them. It is important to focus on the need to keep others safe and not undertake risky behaviour that endangers others.</p>	<p>The findings of any incidents should be shared with all participants and the venue.</p> <p>All MCs to be briefed on the Risk Assessments and guidance.</p> <p>Notices about hygiene and contact tracing to be prominently displayed</p>	
Physical fitness	<p>Many dancers will have been unable to dance at all or in only limited space for many months. Other exercise does not use the same muscles in the same way!</p>	<p>MCs should be aware that a gentle re-introduction to dancing may be necessary to avoid injury; additional warm-up exercises should be encouraged at the start of the dance and dancers encouraged to do this at home too.</p>	
	Chill risk	Warm clothing advised.	