

HALLÉ VENUES

COVID19 SECURE POLICY – 10 DECEMBER 2021 ONWARDS.

Following HM Government's announcements regarding changes to COVID19 guidance in respect of the Omicron variant we have been reviewing our COVID Secure risk assessments. We take our responsibilities to our staff and visitors very carefully, including the ongoing requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

We continue to take a cautious approach to the possible risks of COVID 19 and this is reflected in our mitigation measures. Accordingly, to ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable in our venues, for the time being, we will be continuing with a number of policies we have had in place throughout the pandemic in addition to those mandated by Government guidance. Failure to observe these policies may result in refusal of admission to the Hallé Venues.

- We will continue to deliver all events, as planned, as Government guidance allows.
- In keeping with Government guidance staff will wear face coverings wherever appropriate. Visitors must wear face coverings while passing through the common/public areas of the building, including when visiting Café Cotton as a takeaway customer. (Exemptions may apply). Eat in customers may remove face coverings when seated.
- In keeping with Government guidance, face coverings must be worn by audiences at public performances unless exempt.
- All staff will continue to take twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests and follow the continuing guidance on isolation in response to symptoms, close contacts and/or positive test results. PCR testing may be provided for certain working patterns.
- All staff are encouraged to take up COVID19 vaccinations as soon as they are offered, ensuring that they complete both initial doses and take up boosters as appropriate.
- Staff who are able to work from home will be asked to do so.
- For the comfort and safety of customers, Café Cotton at Hallé St Peter's will continue to offer extra distancing between tables.
- We will continue to use mechanical and natural ventilation systems to regularly refresh the air in our spaces, and will limit numbers in certain areas where appropriate. CO2 monitoring is in place in the main spaces at Hallé St Peter's.
- Hand sanitiser stations will remain in situ and operational throughout the venues.
- Regular cleaning and hygiene policies will remain in place and are under constant review.
- All events in the venues will continue to be subject to activity specific risk assessments.
- For certain, higher risk, larger scale private events, such as Weddings or Christmas parties we will work with the event organisers to agree appropriate conditions for entry for their guests, working to the principles of the COVID Pass.
 - We would strongly encourage that all guests at such events take a Lateral Flow Test on the day of the event. Any guests receiving positive test results should not attend. Refunds will be issued on any costs directly related to individual guests who are unable to attend due to a positive COVID test.
- **PLEASE NOTE: We reserve the right to refuse entry to any visitors presenting at the Hallé Venues with COVID19 symptoms unless they are able to provide evidence of a negative LFT or PCR result within 24 hours of their visit.**

Thank you for your help, we really appreciate it.

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NB: Refunds are subject to proof of a negative test.