Regulatory Services Partnership webinar Voluntary and Community Sector

- **DISCLAIMER: Licensing in Richmond as we emerge from pandemic restrictions**
- The regulations and guidance relating to Covid 19 change very rapidly and we would always recommend you research via the Government website to ensure you have the latest information for your sector
- English Law – official guidance may differ for premises in other parts of the UK, although much of the practical guidance in the webinar will be useful to any business anywhere in the UK.

About Regulatory Services Partnership (RSP)

Council owned service, serving the London Boroughs of Merton, Richmond upon Thames and Wandsworth

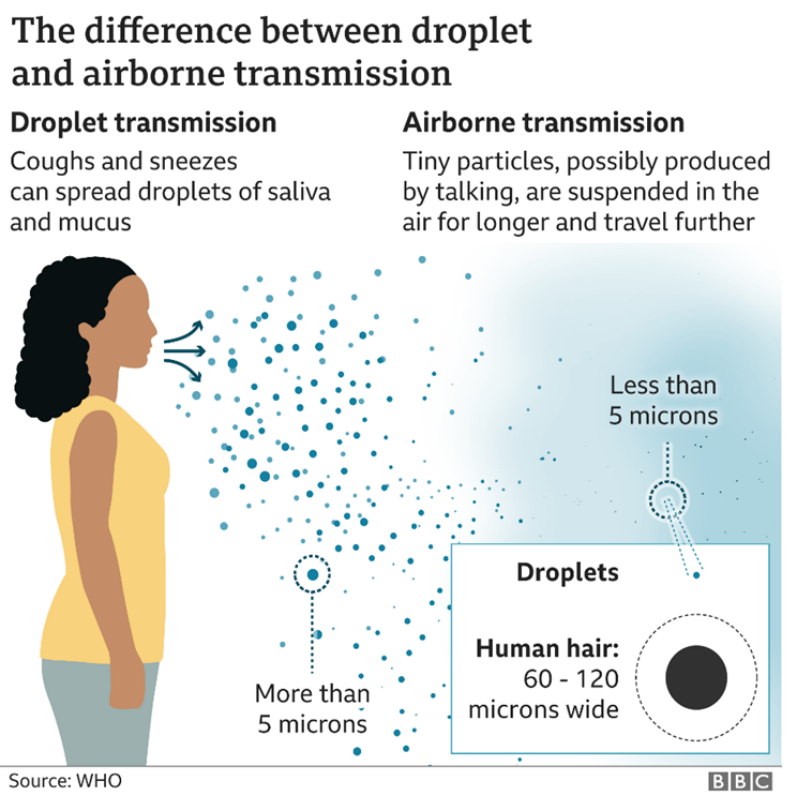
- Over 100 highly trained, experienced advisors covering:
- Environmental health (food hygiene, labelling and food safety)
- Health and safety
- Licensing
- Pollution (air, land, noise, water)
- Trading Standards (includes weights and measures, intellectual property and age restricted sales)
- Advisory and enforcement role in respect of “Covid” Regulations
- 99.9% of all Covid interventions are focused on supporting businesses and voluntary sector to get things right

Speakers

- Helen Clark – Commercial Services Manager

- Maria Dane – Environmental Health Officer (business COVID risk assessments),

Virus in a Nutshell



Science evolved:

- **virus spreads in the air** through tiny particles that **float around after people talk, or breathe out**
- aerosols can remain suspended in the air for **several hours**
- Fomite (surface) transmission very limited
- 3 days - artificial environment in a lab
- no reported cases of FT Internationally

Where to Start?

- **Volunteering and charitable services**
- You can gather above the limit of 6 people or 2 households, or gather indoors, where this is reasonably necessary in order to provide voluntary or charitable services.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-voluntary-community-and-social-enterprise-organisations

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/enabling-safe-and-effective-volunteering-during-coronavirus-covid-19

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities

https://www.ncvo.org.uk

Further Guidance

- Reopening businesses and venues - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

- https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/homes

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/offices-and-contact-centres

Restaurants, pubs, bars and takeaway services - Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19) - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/978597/coronavirus-safer-travel-easy-read-guidance.pdf

https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus/business/reopening

Risk Assessments

- Unique to you
- Update regularly
- More that 5 staff needs to be documented
- RA template accessible on Health and Safety Executive website
- https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/working-safely/risk-assessment.htm

Merton toolbox – worth a look

What to include in your COVID-1
hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/assets/docs/risk-assessment.pdf
What to include in your COVID-19 risk assessment 1 / 10 90%

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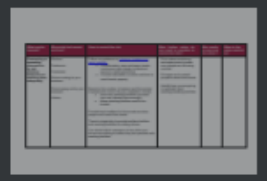
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HSE

Health and Safety Executive

What to include in your COVID-19 risk assessment

Company name: **Assessment carried out by:**

Date assessment was carried out:

As an employer, you must protect people from harm. This includes taking reasonable steps to protect your workers and others from coronavirus. This is called a COVID-19 risk assessment and it will help you manage risk and protect people. You must:

- identify what work activity or situations might cause transmission of the virus
- think about who could be at risk
- decide how likely it is that someone could be exposed
- act to remove the activity or situation, or if this isn't possible, control the risk

When completing your assessment, make sure you talk to your workers and their representatives to explain the measures you are taking. Your workers or their representatives can also provide valuable information on how you could control the risks. There is helpful advice talking with your workers about preventing coronavirus (COVID-19).

You can use this document to help make sure you have covered what you need to keep workers and others safe. Once you have completed your risk assessment you will also have to monitor to make sure that what you have put in place is working as expected.

You should update your COVID risk assessments to reflect any changes in legislation or guidance that may impact how you carry out your work activity, for example if there is a change in local or national restrictions.

More information on working safely during the coronavirus outbreak.

HSE's core guidance on managing risk.

In the UK some rules, such as social distancing, may be different in each of the devolved nations. However, HSE regulates in all of these countries. You should check the public health guidance for the country you are in:

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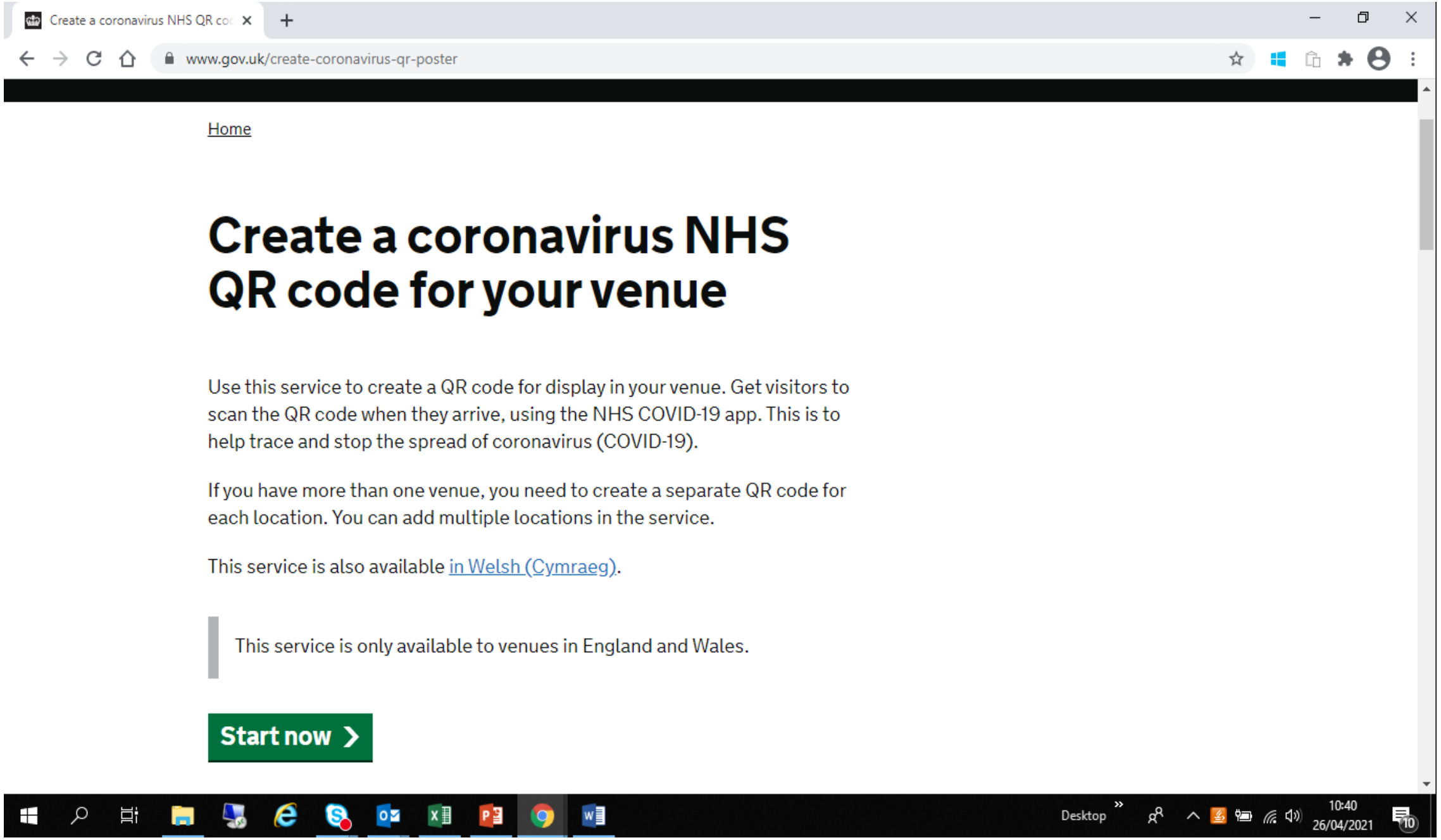
QR codes

- Changes since 12th April – everyone over 16 needs to check in individually
- Separate activities in a multi use venue to have the centre QR code at the activity entrance
- Hard copy of details for 21 days if people don't have the NHS app

https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster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Create a coronavirus NHS QR code for your venue
Use this service to create a QR code for display in your venue. Get visitors to scan the QR code when they arrive, using the NHS COVID-19 app. This is to help trace and stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).
If you have more than one venue, you need to create a separate QR code for each location. You can add multiple locations in the service.
This service is also available in Welsh (Cymraeg).
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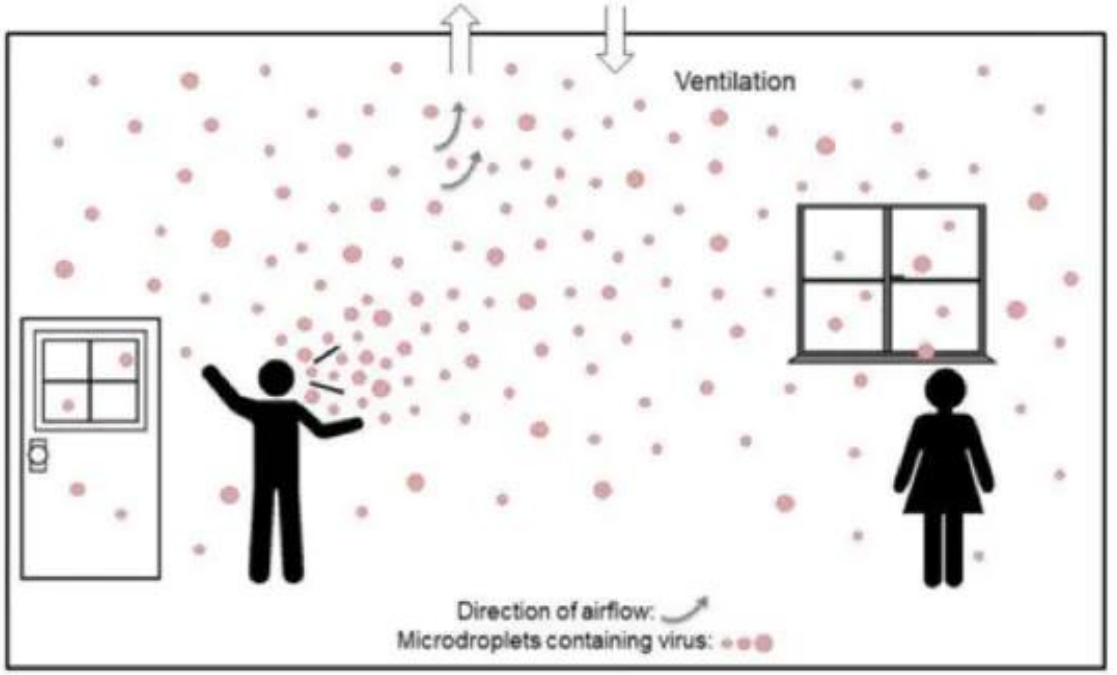
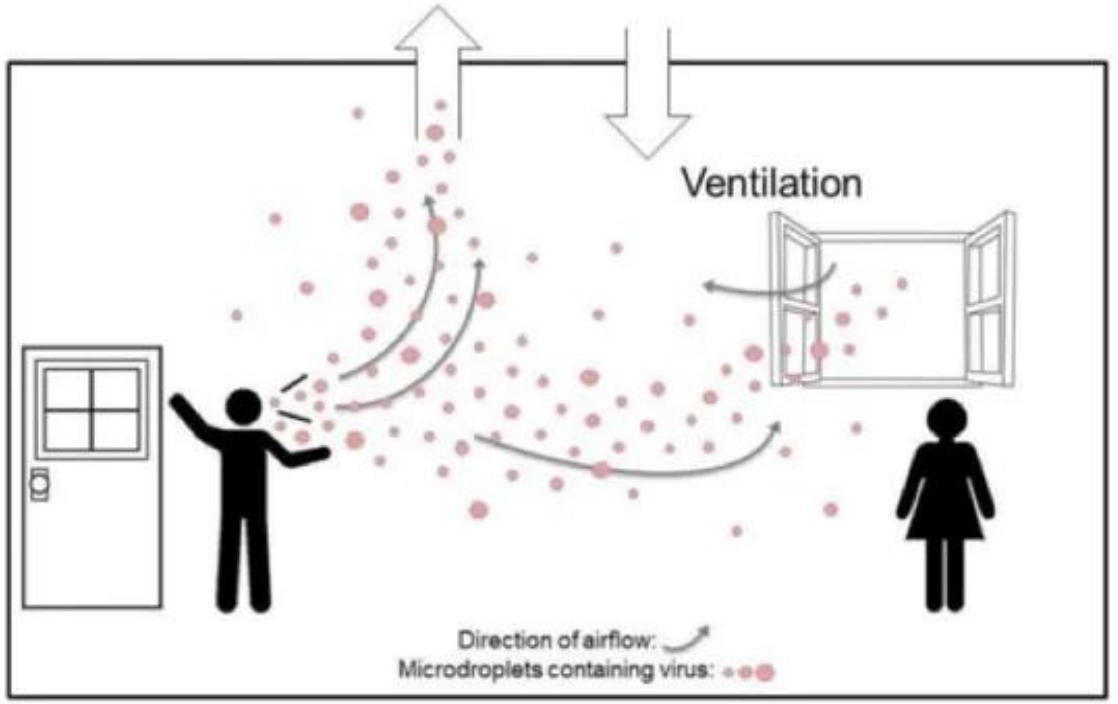
Reduce risk indoors

Good ventilation is the PRIORITY





1m+ / 2m and Mitigation

- Mitigation depends upon your circumstances
- Seating plans
- Screens
- Face coverings
- Cleaning
- Separation by time
- Ventilation
- Being outdoors is in itself mitigation

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PPE

Face coverings – FP2 mask gives good protection but any face covering reduces the risk

Face Shields stop large sneeze/cough droplets, but:

- NOT tiny speech aerosols
- do NOT stop staff breathing in small airborne speech droplets (from your customers) that hang in the air

Shields do not replace need for face covering

Gloves interchangeable with good hand washing and can give a false sense of security

TESTING

- Available via Government Covid website or LBR website
- lateral flow tests (LFT) 30 minutes results (like a pregnancy test) very good indicator
- If anyone has symptoms they should get a PCR test
- https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site

Mental Health

We all need to look after ourselves and also look out for others…

Https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-looking-after-your-mental-health

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

Covid 19 Vaccinations

- As the vaccination programme is rolled out people will be at different phases depending upon their age and other factors.
- We recommended you ask staff and volunteers to see if they have been vaccinated as part of your Covid risk assessment process.
- You can not insist that anyone gets a Covid vaccination but you can reflect people’s vaccination status in the way you deploy them.

Questions received in advance?