

# Clarence Park Baptist Church

## Covid-19 Update

### On Face coverings and more

December 2021



From December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 the rules relating to wearing face coverings has changed in England.

**It is now mandatory that when entering the premises of a Place of Worship that all Adults (unless exempt) should wear a face covering.**

Having considered the new rules along with the updates relating to the increased transmission of the Omicron variant the trustees of Clarence Park Baptist Church have taken the following decision which is to implement immediately. These rules are intended to help us keep one another safe, and so we respectfully ask all groups and those attending to comply with the following:

#### Face Coverings & Sanitiser

- **All Adults** unless exempt will be required to wear a face covering and to keep their Face Coverings in place. This includes whilst singing in a worship setting. The only exemptions are for those who are leading the service from the front of the church, leading prayers, preaching or for our worship team when singing from behind a clear screen.
- **All adults attending group activities** in the church building (including those groups not run directly by the church) will be expected to wear a face covering whilst in the building and unless exempt to keep their face covering in place.
- **All people entering the building** should wash their hands regularly and make regular use of the sanitiser that is provided.

#### Track and Trace

- **All groups** should keep contact details of those who attend their activity. (These contact details should be destroyed after 21 days)
- For a **Sunday service** we will reintroduce the QR code for track and trace. For those unable to use this facility a paper record of attendance form will need to be completed. (These paper forms will be destroyed after 21 days).

#### Sunday Specific.

- The heating will remain off in the sanctuary and so people are reminded to bring extra layers and warm coats.
- Red crosses are available from the foyer to place on seats next to you in order to help with continued social distancing.
- Those attending are encouraged to use the balcony in order to help maintain social distancing.
- To reduce contact, refreshments will no longer be served on a Sunday. You are however welcome to bring your own flask if you require a hot drink on a Sunday.
- For those concerned that the sanctuary will be cold but who wish to meet with others, you are welcome use the seating in the rear hall to watch our YouTube broadcast with others who are there. The heating will be on in that room.

**The church leadership will continue to monitor the guidance from both the government and the Baptist Union and announce further changes where appropriate.**

*Please do not attend a group or a church service if you have any covid symptoms or are asked to self-isolate.  
If you test positive, please inform track and trace that you have attended the church for a service of worship or activity.*