

YORK MUSEUMS TRUST RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

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LOCATION FOR RISK ASSESSMENT	RISK ASSESSMENT TITLE	PERSON OR PERSONS COMPLETEING THIS RISK ASSESSMENT	Date	PAGES
YORK ART GALLERY (YAG)	COVID-19 RELATED SITE RISKS/HAZARDS	ANDY WALLER H&S ADVISOR	16.08.21	8

HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC	POTENTIAL RISKS TO VISITORS TO YORK ART GALLERY CAUSED BY HAZARDS	PERSONS AT RISK	RISK LEVEL L M H	LIST EXISTING CONTROLS IN PLACE	LIST ANY ADDITIONAL CONTROLS REQUIRED	START DATE	FINISH DATE
Risk of infection from Covid-19 and its variants.	<p>York Art Gallery is a two-story building with front and rear access and egress points.</p> <p>As a visitor attraction, the building has points where surfaces can be touched by multiple people (visitors and staff) throughout the day, and where people may come into contact with each other.</p>	<p>Staff</p> <p>Public</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>Contractors</p>		<p>Comprehensive workplace and site risk assessments undertaken to ensure safety of the public, visitors, staff, contractors and volunteers.</p> <p>Specific safety pre-visit information is set out on YMT / York Art Gallery website advising visitors of the safety measures on site and the behaviours required.</p> <p>Visitors to York Art Gallery are asked via YMT website and the signage on site not to enter YAG premises if they have any of the COVID-19 and its variants symptoms (fever, new and continuous cough, sore throat, loss of sense of smell/ taste)</p>	<p>We will continue to recommend and encourage our visitors to use and wear a face coverings as stated by government guidance for the safety of themselves and our staff members.</p> <p>Minimal signage for social distancing will remain in place.</p> <p>As of 16.08.21 Anyone told by the NHS app to self-isolate will not need to do</p>	AUG 21	OPEN

	<p>People can catch the Coronavirus from others who are infected in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virus moves from person-to-person in droplets from the nose or mouth spread when a person with the virus coughs or exhales • The virus can survive for up to 72 hours out of the body on surfaces which people have coughed on, etc. Under certain conditions, the virus can remain on surfaces for up to 9 days. • People can pick up the virus by breathing in the droplets or by touching contaminated surfaces and then 		<p>Enhanced cleaning throughout the site using appropriate cleaning materials.</p> <p>Hand sanitising stations at points of entry, exit and throughout the site including entry to toilets.</p> <p>Visitors and staff are encouraged to use hand sanitiser via signage.</p> <p>Safety information clearly displayed throughout the site reminding of social distancing rules and limiting use of lifts to one household only.</p> <p>Perspex screens installed at admission desks.</p> <p>Visitor Experience staff provided with face visors. Staff trained on how to interact from a safe distance.</p> <p>One-way traffic at site entrance and exit points through the CoCA shop onto the decked landing and down the external staircase overlooking the Artists Garden.</p> <p>One-way traffic at the internal galleries entry and exit points.</p>	<p>so, as long as they have received their 2nd vaccination more than 14 days prior to their contact with a positive case.</p> <p>People are advised to take a Covid-19 PCR test as soon as possible to check if they have the virus and any of its variants of concern.</p> <p>If you test positive then you must isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test.</p>		
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	touching their eyes or mouth.						
Confirmed COVID-19 case at YAG.	If there is a confirmed case of a member of staff, member of the public, volunteer or contractor with coronavirus attending any of the Trust's buildings or sites?	Staff Public Visitors Volunteers Contractors		<p>On-site employees and managers trained to spot COVID-19 symptoms and use PPE.</p> <p>Staff are reminded that As of 16.08.21 Anyone told by the NHS app to self-isolate will not need to do so, as long as they have received their 2nd vaccination more than 14 days prior to their contact with a positive case.</p> <p>People are advised to take a Covid-19 PCR test as soon as possible to check if they have the virus and any of its variants of concern.</p> <p>If you test positive then you must isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test.</p> <p>Staff with symptoms to quarantine immediately.</p> <p>Cleaning an area with disinfectant after someone with suspected coronavirus (COVID-19 and its variants) to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.</p> <p>Staff to wear disposable or washing-up gloves and aprons for cleaning, these should be double-bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish after cleaning.</p> <p>If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible bodily fluids, from a person with coronavirus (COVID-19 and its variants), use protection for the eyes, mouth and nose, as well</p>	<p>The Trust will make a report under RIDDOR (The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013) and inform the local health authorities if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 and its variants in the workplace</p> <p>The Trust will keep records of staff shift patterns and visitor contact details for at least 21 days and assist NHS Track and Trace service with requests for that data if needed. This could help contain clusters or outbreaks.</p> <p>QR check-in at venue by smart phone or android device is available on site at entry points although we will not enforce this use by visitors.</p> <p>The Trust will liaise with the Public Health Authority to</p>	AUG 21	OPEN

				<p>as wearing gloves and an apron, wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used.</p>	<p>discuss the case and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken, including the closure of YAG to the public.</p> <p>Line managers will offer support to staff who are affected by COVID-19 or has a family member affected.</p>		
Risk of Transmission	Air conditioning systems are used in York Art Gallery	Staff Public Visitors Volunteers Contractors		<p>HSE advises that the risk of air conditioning spreading coronavirus (COVID-19) is low.</p> <p>The risk of spreading Coronavirus can be reduced by improving general ventilation through fresh air (open windows and doors except fire doors to increase natural airflow) or mechanical systems.</p> <p>Air conditioning systems that mix some of the extracted air with fresh air and return it to the room can continue to be used as normal as this increases the fresh air ventilation rate.</p> <p>Dehumidifiers may be used to protect the art works.</p> <p>There is no need to adjust systems in individual rooms or portable units as these operate on 100% recirculation.</p>	<p>The centralised ventilation system to be switched to 100% fresh air supply to avoid recirculation.</p>	AUG 21	OPEN

“	Infection risk increases when people group together.	Staff Public Visitors Volunteers Contractors		<p>YMT manages visitor numbers to YAG by introducing ticketed timeslots.</p> <p>This also includes the new Grace and Perry Exhibition.</p> <p>Members of staff checking tickets and timeslot allocations at point of entry.</p> <p>30 people per slot + 5 walk-ins per slot (this will be monitored)</p> <p>Perspex screens installed at front desks</p> <p>Visitor facing staff are provided with high grade, anti-fog face visors.</p> <p>Limited social distancing Signage will remain at all YMT sites.</p> <p>Queuing managed using signage/barriers etc.</p> <p>Card/contactless payments encouraged.</p> <p>Doors at building access and egress points are automated to avoid touching (operated via a push button door at egress point).</p>	<p>The Visitor Experience Manager will have the authority to close the site in the case of a significant concern.</p> <p>Updated per slot capacity up to 35 people are allowed.</p> <p>YMT will manage visitor numbers to YAG to avoid overcrowding.</p>	AUG 21	OPEN
“	Transmission risk through contamination of surfaces (door	Staff Public Visitors Volunteers Contractors		<p>Enhanced cleaning carried out by cleaning contractors</p> <p>Hand sanitising stations near the main entrance and exit points, also throughout the building.</p>	<p>Regular deep cleans arranged, including additional cleaning of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, such as door handles and lift</p>	AUG 21	OPEN

	handles, railings, lifts, objects, leaflets)			Visitors are asked to use hand sanitiser upon arrival.	buttons, and making sure there are adequate disposal arrangements.		
“	There is a possibility that members of the public or staff will require 1st Aid due to Incidents/Accidents.	Staff Public Visitors Volunteers Contractors		<p>Staff are aware of the risks to themselves and others. PPE will always be worn.</p> <p>H&S training will be undertaken before reopening.</p> <p>1st Aiders are trained in accordance with the First-Aid Regulations 1981 and the updated guidance due to COVID-19 prior to delivering 1st Aid to staff and public. 1st Aiders’ PPE to include visor, face mask, gloves, apron.</p> <p>CPR provided in line with the changed guidance (no rescue breaths even with a face shield, a towel/scarf or an item of clothing is now placed over the injured persons face covering their nose and mouth).</p> <p>Any 1st aid incident will be attended by two members of staff (at least one - a trained 1st Aider).</p> <p>Incident and accident forms are filled in with witness statements as required.</p> <p>Emergency services contacted if needed.</p> <p>Defibrillator on site.</p>	New guidelines for 1st aid and CPR has been covered by in house training for all 1st aiders.	AUG 21	OPEN
“	Identified use of items that the public can	Staff Public		Interactive items, fabrics and soft furnishings are removed or supplied with appropriate mitigations	Keep under review.	AUG 21	OPEN

	actively interact with (e.g. headphones, hands on objects, benches, door handles, taps etc.)	Visitors Volunteers Contractors		(e.g. regular cleaning) to minimise the risk of cross infection. Aesthetica exhibition: All interactive headsets removed across the exhibition to eliminate cross infection. Barriers in place to avoid people touching display items.			
“	There is a possibility of antisocial behaviour which may bring our staff into direct contact with members of the public and members of the public with each other.	Staff Public Visitors Volunteers Contractors		Some staff have had conflict management training and are able to deal with antisocial behaviour. Emergency services will be contacted if a situation is unmanageable.	YMT to ensure the police and street rangers are aware that York Art Gallery is reopening on the 01/08/2020. Contacts including Street rangers, CYC, Police 101 & 999.	AUG 21	OPEN
	Risk of transmission at the on-site catering outlet	Staff, Volunteers visitors contractors		Access to Café through a separate entrance and from the main museum entrance. Cafe seating area created outside and in accordance with the Government Guidance. Catering providers have completed a comprehensive risk assessment provided to the City of York Council.	Keep under review.	AUG 21	OPEN
“	Toilets used by the public.	Staff, Volunteers visitors contractors		Allocated toilets for the public, visitors and contractors located on the ground floor and 1 st floor near the lift/ lockers. Signage indicating a one in one out system will be in place.	Regular cleaning of toilets to reduce the risk of cross infection.	AUG 21	OPEN

				Installation of hand sanitiser stations at the entrance to toilets.			
“	Transmission risk through deliveries to site.	Staff, Volunteers visitors contractors		Arranging contactless deliveries. Where possible, arrange deliveries outside of the opening hours.	Keep under review	AUG 21	OPEN
Fire causing evacuation	Fire in the workplace whilst social distancing rules are in place	Staff Public Visitors Volunteers Contractors		Regular Fire Drills. Staff have been trained in fire evacuation. Call points checked and fire extinguishers have been serviced. Fire risk assessment in place and regularly checked for updates that are needed.	A fire drill will take place to test the updated evacuation routes with staff participation only.	AUG 21	OPEN

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