Public Health Advice for Events (updated 12 Sep 2022)

At the beginning of April 2022 various guidance were released to enable living safely with Covid-19 and other respiratory infections. This includes:

- Symptoms of coronavirus
- Guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, or a positive test result for COVID-19
- <u>Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19</u>
- Reducing the spread of respiratory infections, including COVID-19, in the workplace

Public Health advice for events has been updated and is set out below:

- 1. Stay at home if unwell
- 2. Vaccination Event organisers should support staff and customers to stay up to date with their vaccinations. Encourage everyone who is eligible to have their Covid booster and flu vaccine this autumn, when it is offered.
- 3. Protect staff and customers from respiratory infection by.
 - a. Assessing the level of ventilation in indoor spaces, per the HSE guidance, and include that in your risk assessment. Bringing in fresh air to occupied spaces can help to reduce the concentration of respiratory particles.
 - b. If appropriate, holding an event outdoors, as it mitigates the risk
 - c. Ensure good hand hygiene through hand washing and provision of hand sanitisers
 - d. Continue frequent, cleaning of high hand-touch surfaces at the venue including communal areas and any shared equipment such as microphones.

Event organizers should continue to comply with the requirements for cleaning, ventilation, and welfare facilities in the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 or the Construction Design and Management Regulations 2015 to control occupational health and safety risks. For any queries, please contact your local Environmental Health Team.