

Stanley Town Council Covid Briefing Update @ 13.12.21

This briefing sets out the arrangements in place and the steps being taken by Stanley Town Council to comply with current Government Guidance and advice

Background

The Government announced on 8th December 2021 that in England we were moving to Plan B in response to the Omicron variant.

In simple terms this means

1. From 10 December, face coverings will be required by law in most indoor settings.
2. From 13 December office workers who can work from home should do so.
3. From 15 December, certain venues and events will be required by law to check that all visitors aged 18 years or over are fully vaccinated (currently a full course of vaccination without the need for a booster, but this will be kept under review), have proof of a negative test in the last 48 hours, or that they have an exemption. This means that those aged 18 years or over must show their NHS COVID Pass, or an alternative proof of a negative test result, such as an email or text proof, to gain entry into these venues.

At the current time the STC Panto event is outside of the requirements for a Covid Pass as the indoor capacity is under the Governments limit of 500 attendees

Arrangements in place

Across all Stanley Town Council's operations and facilities, we are actively pursuing and complying with current Government Covid advice and guidelines including:

- Improved ventilation in the Civic Hall venue to improve air flow in these areas;
- asking all staff and customers who are unwell not to attend the workplace or venue;
- providing hand sanitiser to enable staff and customers to clean their hands more frequently;
- regular cleaning and sanitisation of common touch point surfaces and shared areas;
- requirement that face coverings should be worn by all staff and customers unless exempt;
- enhanced cleaning and sanitisation arrangements in place;
- communicating to staff and customers the measures we have put in place;
- Continue to display NHS QR codes allowing attendees to check in using the NHS COVID-19 App.

Assurance

We wish to assure all customers and staff that we have implemented as far as reasonably practicable, robust arrangements to manage the risk of Covid in accordance with current Government advice.

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