

Seventh-day Adventist® Church

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



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Dear Pastors and First Elders

Re: Revised COVID-19 Risk Assessment

We write following our letter of 21 July 2021 regarding the reopening of NEC churches following the government announcement on 19 July 2021.

In that communication, we stated that the NEC will still require that churches submit and obtain approval of a risk assessment before opening for face-to-face, communal worship. We are sharing with you the revised COVID-19 Risk Assessment, which contains all of the content of the previous risk assessment but reflects that despite the lifting of restrictions there will be occasions where:

- there is an increase in transmission of the virus which will require churches to consider returning to restrictions previously put in place; and
- churches may still need to keep restrictions in place (now) until such time as they are satisfied that risks to their congregation are low and / or no longer remain.

With this in mind, we have simply 'greyed out' rather than removed the areas not immediately applying under the current government guidelines. Maintaining the entire template, however, will enable churches to add any restrictions they deem necessary given their individual circumstances.

Please be reminded that completing a risk assessment remains a mandatory requirement to ensure that together we are still doing what we can to keep our church family safe. All churches should plan to re-visit and review their risk assessments (after approved by NEC) to ensure congregants remain constantly protected.

Thank you for your continued leadership of this challenging situation. We pray that according to His will, God will continue to keep us individually and collectively safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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Pastor & President

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