

## Covid-19 Guidance for Suffolk Scouts

This guidance is provided to give clarity and direction to those planning or attending public [Remembrance Sunday Commemorations in 2021](#). It draws together the requirements of [Policy](#), [Organisation and Rules](#) and published guidance from Government, the [National Health Service](#) and [Scouts](#).

Suffolk Scouts requires its members to take any additional safety measures required of them and strongly advises that we closely follow the advice of the authorities, public health professionals including the NHS. We caution that this may change at short notice, therefore members of Suffolk Scouts must check the published guidance themselves before attending any event and consider if the plans in place continue to meet it.

### When planning to attend a public service of remembrance leaders in charge must:

- Undertake a Risk Assessment; and if attending a public event you must obtain the event organisers Risk Assessment. You must consider its content and measures in place to protect Members of Scouts. You may decide to introduce further measures to protect those people you are responsible for.
- Communicate your risk assessment to those attending any events; this includes leaders, young people and their parents and you should pass it to those organising the event.

### Before attending large events you must:

- Check for symptoms of COVID-19; (a high temperature, new and persistent cough, or a loss of/change in sense of taste or smell) before travelling to your Remembrance event. Any person displaying Covid-19 symptoms should self-isolate immediately and get a free NHS test, even if these symptoms are mild.
- Members must not attend; if they are required to self-isolate, for example because they have had a positive test, or have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.

- Think about other health factors and the impact of travelling to attend a large event. If you feel unwell but do not have COVID-19 symptoms, or your COVID-19 test is negative, you may still have an illness which could be passed on to other people (such as a cold or the flu). Members should not attend if they feel unwell, this reduces the risk that you will pass on an illness to other people in the community.
- Follow the guidance on safer travel and any relevant guidance issued by travel operators.
- Test before attendance; we strongly advise that where possible Members take a rapid lateral flow test to make sure you aren't spreading the virus without knowing it.

### You can find more advice in the guidance on [how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#)

#### At the event you must:

- Follow guidance on how to stay safe and prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19); This includes ensuring people wash or sanitising their hands frequently (for example, after touching surfaces like handrails).
- Encourage people to wear face coverings if they can; Especially when they are in crowded (within 1m of another person for more than 15mins) and enclosed areas (indoors or outside) where they come into contact with people they do not usually meet with (people outside of their household, normal social circle).
- Use the NHS COVID-19 app; to help NHS Test and Trace stop the spread of the virus.
- Adhere to any relevant Covid-19 safety measures in place at the event, including observing directions given by stewards.
- Be prepared to stop activities at anytime if they feel unsafe or there is a risk of harm to any person.

#### After the event you must:

- Report any near misses or accidents includes incidents of Covid-19 in the normal way.