



# Cymdeithas Ddawns Werin Cymru

## Welsh Folk Dance Society

### COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT FOR FOLK DANCING INDOORS IN WALES

Team practice and fitness sessions only.

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KEY: L = Group Leader D = Dancers M = Musicians OU = Other Hall Users

	Hazard description	People at risk	Control measures
<b>Pre- activity</b>	Uncertainty or confusion of roles and responsibilities with regard to COVID-19		Dance teams must nominate a COVID19 Officer who will be responsible for maintaining a local COVID-19 Policy and Risk Assessment. Also the first point of contact for any enquiries or incidents relating to COVID.
	Uncertainty about procedures for use of hall for dancing.	L + D + M + OU	The organisation owning the hall or other facility should provide detailed instructions for its safe use including entry/exit, cleaning and disinfection and use of toilets etc. These should be adhered to by the dance team
	Entering hall prior to dancing	L + D + M	Do not congregate near hall entry point. Sanitize hands on entering hall. Maintain social distance – 2 meters apart. Maximum of 30 individuals.
	Ventilation inadequate or incorrectly used	L + D + M	Follow instructions provided by the hall including use of air conditioning systems if installed. External doors and windows should be opened if possible.
	Food and drink – risk of transmission	L + D + M +OU	No food should be brought into the hall. Participants may bring their own drink - not to be shared.
	Secure storage of personal items	L + D + M	All personal effects to be stored in own locked vehicles

	Participants' state of health	L + D + M	Team Leader to verbally check participants have no covid 19 symptoms, as described by Welsh Government on arrival. Any individual with symptoms should be politely asked to return home, self isolate and request a COVID-19 antigen test.
	Handling of cash and paper – risk of transmission	L + D + M	An online registration and payment system should be put in place.
	Insufficient information about participants for Test, Trace, Protect purposes	L + D + M	A register of participants at each meeting must be kept with minimum information of name and contact phone number.
<b>Musicians</b>	Instruments and music – risk of transmission	M + D	Musicians must bring their own instruments and music - no sharing.
	Risk of droplets/aerosols when playing	M + D	For most instruments social distancing at 2 meters apart is adequate, but wind instruments are not permitted indoors at present.
<b>During activity</b>	Lack of organisation setting up for dancing	D	Dance leader to call out the name of the dance and named participants to fill each set. Dancers move to required positions.
	Welsh Folk Dances usually involve dancers being less than 2 meters apart.	D	Revised versions of all dances to be practised should be prepared which ensure that 2 meter social distancing is maintained throughout the dance. Choose dances appropriate to the group danced at a tempo so as to avoid significant shortness of breath and discomfort to dancers.
	Excessive number of dancers for space available.	D	The number of sets will depend on the size of the hall – avoid any crowding of dancers (4 meters between sets). Wearing masks is advised even if social distancing of 2 meters or more can be reliably maintained.
	Dancers in close proximity to non dancers	D	Either – clearly delineate the dance space and stick to that so that the nearest a dancer can come to a non dancer is 2 m Or – dancers and non-dancers to wear a mask during all activity
	Tripping, collisions or other mishaps when dancing	D	Dancers to wear appropriate casual clothes and suitable footwear. Leaders to talk through unfamiliar dances and try not to have less experienced dancers together.
	Non-dancers socialising	D	All non participants must be 2m apart at all times
Post activity	Risk of contamination of hall	L + D + M	All contact points – chairs, handles, switches etc to be disinfected as per the hall

		+OU	COVID policy
	Leaving hall	L + D + M +OU	Do not congregate near hall exit point. Maintain social distance – 2 meters apart. Nominated individual to be responsible for locking the hall and dealing with the key/alarm system.