



# Infection Control Policy

## All Saints' Church, Walsoken

Please refer to Church document H&S\_Doc\_001 for all General Health & Safety requirements

### Specific Policy

This Health & Safety (H&S) sub-policy controls the risk of infection at church.

During an epidemic or pandemic national or international guidelines will take priority including gatherings, lockdowns and other restrictions.

The purpose of this policy is to promote safety in church for our congregation and visitors in terms of reducing disease infection risk.

Some measures are intended be implemented during 'flu season', some will be common practice throughout the year. This policy requires all measure to be in place all year.

This policy is secular and does not include any theological, church service or religious requirements such as 'The peace' or 'Communion' etc.

### Reference Documents

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

For food hygiene issue please see church document H&S\_Doc\_007

### Procedure

**Chemicals** (assessed for safety using church document H&S\_Doc\_005)

Each of these items will be available as assured by the Churchwardens.

- 1) Hand Sanitiser: Will be available on entry to the church.
- 2) Soap: Toilets will have soap, hot & cold running water and paper towels to dry hands.
- 3) Cleaning sprays: Will be available to clean surfaces in the kitchens and bathrooms.

#### Cleanliness

- 1) Kitchen: All surfaces will be cleaned after each use. Cleaning equipment such as cloths, sponges and tea towels must be kept scrupulously clean. Bins must be emptied at least weekly.
- 2) Toilet: All surfaces will be cleaned once a week. Bins must be emptied at least weekly.

In the unlikely event bodily fluids need to be cleaned in church, then a solution on 10% bleach must be used along with disposable paper towels. The person cleaning the bodily fluid must wear suitable (plastic) gloves as PPE.

#### Personal Responsibility

- 1) Wash your hands after using the toilet.
- 2) There will be hand sanitiser at the front of the church for those who wish to use it.
- 3) Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- 4) If you suspect you have an infectious virus then please refrain from shaking hands or hugging others etc. An explanation will likely be appreciated.
- 5) It's recommended that anyone that is sick with fever and/or respiratory symptoms like a cough, runny nose or sore throat should stay home and avoid attending church and services until symptoms are gone.

### Forms

None

### Diagrams

None

### Appendices

None

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