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Room Capacities and Occupancy During COVID -19

The Village Room capacity is based on the CLG guide for Fire Safety Risk Assessment in Small and Medium Places of Assembly under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 *(this guide is available to download free from* https://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities/fire-safety-advice-documents*)* and Building Regulations Approved Document B (ADB).

Room occupancy figures are normally worked out on the basis of number and size of exits i.e. how quickly people can escape from a building.

As a general rule, normal room occupancy allows 0.5m2 per person dancing and 1m2 per person sitting but measures now need *"to be in place to ensure all users of community facilities follow the guidelines on social distancing, including strict adherence to social distancing of 2 metres or 1 metre with risk mitigation (where 2 metres is not viable)"* - ref: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities

As a rule of thumb we are advised to achieve this by dividing our normal occupancies by four but this may vary taking into account different layouts and activities – ref: https://acre.org.uk/news/2020-07-21-information-to-help-village-halls-reopen-updated

Room	Area (sq.m$^{2)}$	'Normal' Capacity (Standing)	'Normal' Capacity (Sitting)	Occupancy (Standing) Assuming 2m Social Distancing	Occupancy (Sitting) Assuming 2m Social Distancing	Occupancy (Standing) Assuming 1m Social Distancing	Occupancy (Sitting) Assuming 1m Social Distancing
Main Room	40	80	40	20	10	25	12

These figures are based on individuals attending, rather than groups of people from the same or no more than 2 households, and so represents a cautious approach.

Different Hirers must make their own assessment based on this guidance according to the types of activity, age, relationships and vulnerability of their group.

The overriding aim must be to enable Social Distancing between attendees who are not from the same Household or Support Bubble