

Whitchurch Photographic Society

Updated policy and advice re COVID19 for meetings at Pearl Yard from September 2022

1. Government advice ,sourced from GOV.UK ,confirms that after July 2022 restrictions on COVID 19 precautions will move to a focus of personal responsibility. In the light of this and the significant reduction of incidence nationally and in Shropshire, the WPS committee felt it appropriate to relax local guidance / precautions. It is important to note that should e.g. new variants arise /the incidence of infections / hospitalisation etc / increase and the government imposes more restrictions we may have to consider a review of these arrangements. Thus this policy will be kept under review.

2. Current Govt.policy focuses on encouraging personal responsibility by ;

- Ventilating locations for indoor meetings
- Maximising the number of people who are vaccinated
- Considering the use of wearing face masks in enclosed spaces
- Practising good hygiene, the use of sanitizers /, cleaning of appropriate surfaces

3. It is proposed to adopt the following policy based on personal responsibility and in the interest of all members, accepting that not all members may be vaccinated and we have a duty of care to all:

- Members are asked NOT to attend Pearl Yard if they experience COVID 19 or respiratory symptoms.
- The wearing of masks in meetings at Pearl Yard will be a personal choice
- The room will be ventilated as is most practical
- A flexible distancing system for seats in the room will be adopted
- Hand sanitizers should be used when entering the building and wipes/sanitizer will be provided in the toilets
- Appropriate surfaces etc used in meetings e.g tables should be cleaned / sanitised.

4. We would very much welcome your support for this policy.

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Richard Priestley- Secretary
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