

## COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) Policy

This policy applies to Caerphilly Over 50 (CO50) also known as Caerphilly Borough 50+ Forum.

CO50 will follow the rules or guidelines applicable to covid-19 as set out by Welsh Government and amended by them over time (see <https://gov.wales/covid-19-alert-levels> ). This applies to all members of the CO50 Steering Committee on Forum business. Any Steering Committee member responsible for a contractor, group or organisation acting on behalf of CO50 must ensure that they are aware of and have agreed to accept this policy.

Before resuming face-to-face meetings, CO50 must conduct a risk assessment. The outcome of the assessment must be discussed by the Committee and obtain unanimous agreement that risks have been minimised and are acceptable to all.

Since CO50 does not have its own premises, any activity/event will be held in venues managed by other entities. The CO50 officer organising the activity/event must obtain and evaluate the risk assessment and rules used by such entity. They must also undertake a risk assessment that evaluates how to safely use the venue for the purpose.

### **Care Homes**

A statement by Welsh Government outlines that Care Homes form a special case:

*In general, the law does not prevent visits to people who do not live in private homes. So, for example, indoor visits to care homes, and hospices are permitted under the law. This does not mean that any of these places are obligated to be open - individual settings will need to ensure they are able to support visits safely. These visits will need to be in accordance with the rules put in place by the setting you are visiting.*

Members acting on behalf of CO50 must check with the relevant location for their specific visiting arrangements for the activity/event being planned. Discussion should include the screening protocol, possible need to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test, wearing a face covering and following their infection control measures, for example, sanitising hands.

This should also include the numbers attending. It might be helpful if members of the group visiting the Care Home are prepared to give details of their vaccination history and disclose if they are clinically vulnerable. However, this information is private, and the organiser will have to assume the worst case if this information is not available.

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