

The most up-to-date information is to be found on TBCO:

- **Resources section - which you can share with your Centre team**
<https://thebuddhistcentre.com/resources/guidance-opening-centres-after-lockdown>
- **In the ECA Chairs group you can add documents which I will add to the post in the Resources section which will eventually be the most complete one**
<https://thebuddhistcentre.com/eca/eca-chairs-group/guidance-safe-use-places-worship>

United Kingdom

- [Gov.uk COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of places of worship from 4 July](#) - 29 June 2020
Contents:
 1. Introduction
 2. Purpose of this guidance
 3. Key principles for safely opening places of worship
 4. Adapting practices to reduce the spread of infection
 5. General actions to reduce the spread of infection
 6. How can places of worship communicate this guidance to visitors?
 7. Protective security
 8. Enforcement

Annex A: Risk assessment for protective security – factors to consider
- [Risk assessment Template and examples](#)
- [Working Safely](#)
 - [Risk Assessment](#)
 - [Managing risks and risk assessment at work](#)
- [Health and Safety Advice for Running Physical Classes](#) - Brixton working document June 2020

Mainland Europe

- [Aryabandhu on Berlin Centre's post-lockdown](#)
- [Draft Security protocol - Covid 19 from Dutch Buddhist Union](#)
 - [And the original Dutch](#)
- [Metta Vihara \(May 2020\) security protocol Covid-19](#) - updated 24 June
 - [And the original Dutch](#) (20 May version)
- [Coronavirus: Reopening of Buddhist Centres – Buddhist Union of Belgium](#)
 - [And the original Flemish](#)
- [Charter for high-risk groups in voluntary work \(from Flemish Government\)](#)

- [And the original Flemish](#)
- [Centre regulations for the use of the Centre - Arnsberg](#)
 - [And the original German](#)

NOTES

Risk analysis and control measures as covered in the document [Metta Vihara \(May 2020\) security protocol Covid-19](#). The four risks & related measures:

1. risk of people accidentally taking covid inside → measure are the health questions before and upon arrival
2. risk of covid unintentionally spreading between participants in MV → measure are the whole list, such as the 1.5 mtr, limiting the number of participants, adjusting the movement flow in corridors, use of dining space etc etc, availability of disinfectant, etc etc, see overview
3. risk that people could not be tracked down afterwards through contact research → that is n/a, because there is a list of attendees (name and number nr, AVG proof)
4. risk of unclear information → measure is to put and send clear information on the website

In **Sweden** they make a risk assessment for individual events at the moment (based on their disease control authorities' guidelines). The topics are around:

- Larger numbers
- international participation
- risk groups
- allowing space and
- the length of the event
- general guidelines around hand hygiene and so on

MORE NOTES

- Perhaps worth checking at entrance that people have no symptoms
- Only use toilet if necessary – try not to
- Perhaps not serve drink and food, or people bring their own in own cup
- No chanting, just humming, or chanting not loud and with masks
- Consider a booking system which complies with data protection rules
 - In UK need to keep for 21 days
 - some info to come in Gov UK document/website
- With large events:
 - Consider travel to and from
 - If people need to queue outside
 - Risk assessment
 - Liaison with other places in the neighbourhood re. large numbers of people
- Individuals who are extremely clinically vulnerable/shielding are advised not to go to places of worship

- This is not obligatory but advised
- Consider specific times and or private/smaller gatherings for the vulnerable?
- You may delay opening if you feel you cannot safely do it
- Under existing Health & Safety legislation failure to complete a Covid 19 risk assessment could constitute a breach, as could have a risk assessment with insufficient measures
- Good to involve your team in the making of the protocol
- Good to communicate it clearly on your website, so people can see it is safe to visit your Centre

If you have any more questions or areas you'd like the development team to research just let us know, drop us an email, and we'll do what we can!