



Covid-19 Safety Guidelines for Scarf Members Scarf Activities, from April 2022

Despite the lifting of all restrictions now, we are still keeping vigilant to ensure all participants at our activities remain safe and we limit the spread of the virus. With the government's "living with Covid plan" now in place, we have updated our guidance regarding covid. I'm sure that the further easing of restrictions will be a relief to many members, but we are also aware that some may be anxious about these changes. We would like everyone to feel safe about attending Scarf activities and ask members to please bear in mind that some participants at Scarf activities are clinically vulnerable and at a higher risk of becoming unwell should they get covid. We would like to reassure everyone that we will continue to be vigilant regarding the virus and hygiene at our activities.

It is of course your decision whether to participate in the activities on offer. If there is anything you think we can do to improve these guidelines, or if you are still worried about staying safe, then please let us know.

Please can members and support staff follow these simple guidelines when attending Scarf activities:

- **Please don't attend a Scarf activity if you are feeling unwell, particularly with Covid or cold-like symptoms.**
- As free lateral flow tests are no longer available, we will not be asking families or support staff to do a test before they attend an activity, but will be relying on families to remain vigilant for any symptoms and avoid attending if they have any (see above point).
- However, if you have taken a test (PCR or LFT) and are positive for covid, although there is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate, we encourage you not to come to a Scarf activity while you are still infectious (usually up to 7 days). Please follow the government guidelines to stay at home and avoid contact with others, which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>.
- If someone in your household has currently tested positive for covid, our preference is that you should continue to test (if you can) and remain away from Scarf activities due to the clinically vulnerable nature of the other members.

If you have any questions about our guidelines please get in touch. Thanks for your help with this and we will update again as things develop.

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