



SUMMARY RINGING GUIDANCE (England)

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| Protection | Current guidance from CCCBR | Basis for guidance (from 19 th July) | Practicalities |
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| Facemasks | Expected if ringing with unvaccinated ringers, e.g. youth groups, when teaching face to face, and if your band contains people with impaired immunity | Facemasks are no longer required to be worn in Places of Worship by law, but they do offer protection to others. Face to face / close contact teaching, for longer period of time in the context of exponentially increasing cases, gives a very strong case for facemasks. | FFP3 masks offer the best protection both for the wearer and in preventing transmission, but they need to be fitted properly. |
| Ventilation | Ringing rooms should be well ventilated with external airflow | It is well established that good ventilation decreases the risk of virus transmission | Ideally you should feel a draught. Good ventilation makes longer periods of ringing safer. |
| Number of ringers | No limit | Legal restrictions have been removed | Ringers are more likely to feel comfortable where ringing rooms are not too crowded and are well ventilated. |
| Social distancing | No longer needed | Legal restrictions have been removed | |
| Duration of ringing sessions | Ring for as long as the band is comfortable ringing for | Personal judgement is the basis for deciding how long to spend with others in an enclosed space | Ringers are likely to feel more comfortable in well ventilated spaces |
| Hand sanitiser / sharing ropes | Not necessary but can add protection | Scientific evidence that transmission by touch is no longer considered a major risk. Sanitiser is an additional precaution. | |
| Lateral Flow Tests | Take them if you are going to mix with unvaccinated ringers | UK Government recommends LFTs in order to protect unvaccinated people from those who may be asymptomatic. | Definitely if you are running youth practices – parents will expect it. Not necessary for groups of fully vaccinated adults (i.e. two vaccinations). |

Place of Worship Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july>