



SUMMARY RINGING GUIDANCE (England)

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Protection	Current guidance from CCCBR	Basis for guidance (from 19 th July)	Practicalities
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>