

Prifysgol BANGOR University

Covid-19 Risk Categorisation for “in-Person” Activity (v. 04 September 2020)

To aid the Test, Trace and Protect (TTP) response and to focus attention to Covid risk, activities should be categorised into three primary risk groups, Green, Amber and Red.

The categorisations of activity reflect the perceived potential Covid-19 transmission risk, related to Public Health Wales and TTP criteria for self-isolation. Categorisations also enable the University and others to respond to Covid-19 positive cases pragmatically, having due regard to the risk of the activity. It is noted that measures to controls the risks of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) must not compromise other aspects of health and safety.

Categorisation will also enable Colleges and Services to focus on those activities that have an inherent Covid-19 risk, above that which may be the case in traditional lecture spaces with adequate social distancing.

Category of ‘Covid-19’ Activity	Description
2 metre social distancing and similar controls in place	<p><i>Activities that can safely be undertaken with a minimum of 2 metres social distancing in suitably locations or outside, normally for no more than 2-3 hours, and do not rely on any additional Covid mitigation or controls for the activity to be performed safely.</i></p> <p>The wearing of face coverings is required within all University spaces.</p> <p>General Risk Assessments will be in place*</p> <p>TTP: for activities in this group it is <u>unlikely</u> that were there a Covid-19+ case in the cohort that others will be requested to self-isolate</p>
Contact-group teaching and activities where there is a risk of transmission, which is controlled	<p>Activities that have an increased level of potential risk of Covid-19 transmission but can be undertaken with added Covid secure protocols. Such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Group teaching in groups of 30 or fewer, where the capacity of the room has been reduced significantly to allow for some social distancing. In such scenarios the contact group will be regarded as an amber, with details passed to TTP if required, whilst any other contact group and the lecturer would be considered a GREEN risk group, provided they have implemented social distancing. • Face-to-Face activities that occur for more than 15 minutes between 1 and 2 metres social distancing, even if mitigation measures, such as face coverings and visors, are used • Activities that may generate additional respiratory aerosols or droplets, but not at significant levels, and which 2 metre social distancing alone may not be sufficient to control risk • Activities that have multiple short duration elements where two or more will work within 2 metres undertaking non-aerosol/ droplet producing activity • Sharing transport, such as Coaches and cars (wearing face coverings) • Singing, utilising LFD testing and vaccination status

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other activities with similar risk characteristics to the above examples <p>Justification: Activities in the “Amber” scale must be justified and only be undertaken where there is no practical alternative and where assurance is gained that the activity can be undertaken safely.</p> <p>Activity Risk Assessments and /or Standard Operating Procedures will be required**.</p> <p>The Head of School or Director of Professional Service must approve all Amber activities.</p> <p>TTP: for activities in this group it is <u>possible</u> that were there a Covid-19+ case others in the cohort will be requested to self-isolate.</p>
<p>Activities where a close contact will occur and/or higher risk activity where aerosols are produced</p>	<p>Activities where standard Covid-secure procedures cannot be fully employed and there is an increased potential for Covid-19 transmission, even though risk is reduced to as low as is reasonably practicable. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level aerosol or droplet producing activities, with others at risk of exposure • Loud singing and shouting (incl. Choirs) outside of controls specified by an appropriate national standard and not utilising LFD testing and vaccination status • Skin to skin contacts • Direct contact within 1 metre, for 1 minute or more • Regular close working routines (e.g. working as pairs & small teams, often within 1 metre) • Other activities with similar risk characteristics to the above. <p>Justification: Activities in the “Red” scale must be justified and only be undertaken where there is no practical alternative and the activity <u>must</u> be undertaken, and cannot be undertaken or provided in any other way.</p> <p>Activity Risk Assessments and /or Standard Operating Procedures will be required**.</p> <p>Relevant Executive-level approval will be required for these activities.</p> <p>TTP: for activities in this group it is <u>certain</u> that were there a Covid-19+ case in the cohort that other contacts will be requested to self-isolate</p>

* Covid-19 Risk Assessment (academic activity) will be produced centrally, in consultation with Colleges, Services and Trades Unions, as applicable.

** Covid-19 Risk Assessments will be produced by the School/Service, in consultation with central Health and Safety and others, as applicable. These will be in addition to the standard risk assessments for the activity.

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