

Update on Events

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Road Map on Events

Step 2 – permitted events from 12 April

- Events must be outdoors.
- Not subject to a capacity cap on attendees but events are expected to have fewer than 4,000 attendees per day.
- If likely to have more than 4,000 attendees should notify the Local Authority and must be able to assure the LA that attendees will be dispersed across a sufficiently large geographical area or sufficiently distributed throughout the day to mitigate the risk of crowding at the venue and on public transport.
- People attending events must be limited to a group of no larger than 6 or 2 households.
- Examples of events permitted; flower shows, garden shows, village fetes, agricultural shows, funfairs, fair grounds, food and drink festivals.

Note: event pilots

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Step 3 – permitted events from 17 May

- Indoor and all remaining outdoor events can commence (subject to meeting Covid-secure requirements including social distancing).
- 1000 people or 50% of venue's capacity whichever is lower at indoor events.
- 4000 people or 50% of a site's capacity whichever is lower at outdoor events.
- 10,000 people or 25% of total seated capacity whichever is lower for outdoor seated events.
- Events are permitted where people are likely to congregate in one area for the duration of the event; people are likely to enter or leave the venue in large numbers at a similar time.
- Social contact limits permitted will be:
 - Indoors – rule of 6 or 2 households
 - Outdoors – 30 people
- Event organisers will need to mitigate risk to public health by controlling attendance, limiting numbers to take account of space and ventilation.

Note: music festivals and carnivals may not take place.

Road Map on Events (cont.)

Step 4 – permitted events no earlier than 21 July

Remove all legal limits on social contact and enable all events to go ahead (subject to the government review of the latest data on the impact of the previous step against the four tests and the outcome of the scientific events research programme).

Four tests:

- The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.
- Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.
- Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations.
- The governments assessment of the risks in not fundamentally changed by new VOCs.

Legal powers to prohibit or restrict an event

Where an event poses a risk to public health or in the event of a local spike in coronavirus cases, local authorities can consider prohibiting, restricting or imposing conditions in respect of venues, events or outdoor public places using the powers available in The [Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(England\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2020](#). These powers should only be used if the event, venue or gathering in an outdoor public place poses a serious and imminent threat to public health that cannot be mitigated in conversation with the event organiser. Any such decision must be both necessary and proportionate.

The following 3 legal conditions have to be met:

- that giving the direction responds to a serious and imminent threat to public health
- the direction is necessary to prevent, protect against, control or provide a public health response to the incidence or spread of infection by coronavirus in the local authority's area
- the prohibitions, requirements or restrictions imposed by the direction are a proportionate means of achieving that purpose

Update on our local approach to events

We have updated our local guidance to event organisers “**Covid-19: Local guidance for event organisers. Help to unlock summer.**”



STAY SAFE
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Test and Trace

Covid-19: Local guidance for event organisers. Help to unlock summer

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North Yorkshire County Council works in collaboration with other local authorities and emergency services as part of the local Safety Advisory Groups (SAGs). Each district council has its own SAG, which acts as the point of contact for the event organisers and a forum for COVID-19 risk assessments to be scrutinised. As a multi-agency group we want to support event organisers to host a safe, enjoyable event that adheres to the latest government guidelines.

The priorities for local SAGs are to support event organisers by offering specialist advice and guidance in relation to hosting an event to ensure all safety measures are in place. We are here to work with you to implement the latest guidance and to protect the public from environmental hazards, communicable disease and other health and safety risks through mitigation. As event organisers you should inform your local SAG so that your event plans can be reviewed and suitable advice can be offered. See page 15 for contact details of your local SAG.

In addition to notifying the local SAG, North Yorkshire Police should be notified directly if your event falls into one of these categories:

- Military event in the public domain
- Protest or demonstration
- Remembrance Day parade or event
- Cycle time trial or official cycle race
- An event where you wish to request Special Police Services (SPS)¹.

Purpose:

The guidance applies to all events that are planned to take place in North Yorkshire and the City of York. The guidance is intended to support event organisers to host a safe and COVID-19 secure events. The also sets out the process for hosting an event along with information on reporting and managing COVID-19 outbreaks.

The purpose of the guidance is to provide a consistent approach across North Yorkshire to ensure that events are able to go ahead safely and in accordance with the government's [road map](#).

The local Safety Advisory Group and local Safety Sporting Advisory Group will consider the following when reviewing events:

- That the event organiser is **adhering to the latest government guidance**
- That the event organiser has considered and included the **14 key principles** see next page
- That the event does not cause a threat to the public and all mitigations are in place to protect the public.

^(SPS)¹ is the provision by the police of an additional special service i.e. beyond that which the police would consider necessary to meet their public duty obligations, and which is provided at the request of organising bodies of certain events and for which the organising body must pay.



Update on our local approach to event (cont.)

Updated our Public Health Principles which event organisers must adhere to:

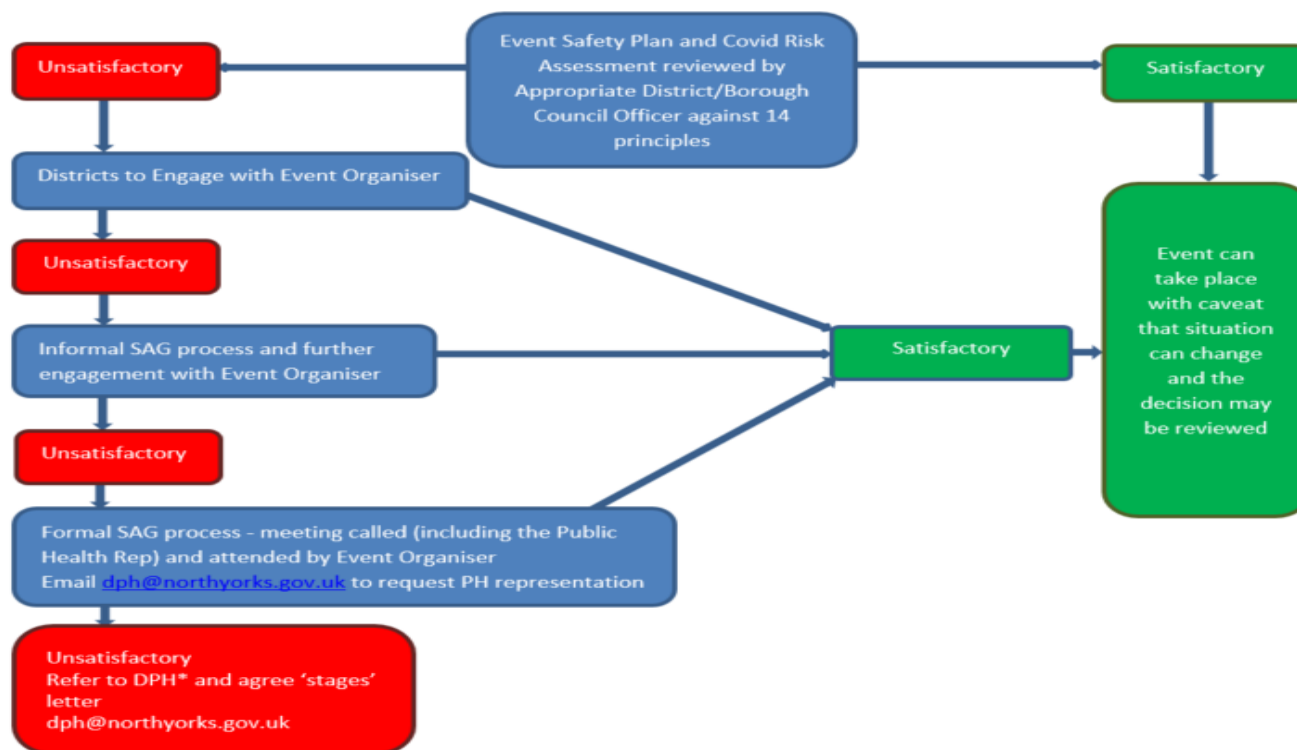
1. The event can lawfully take place, in accordance with the relevant step of the Government road map out of lockdown and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021
2. A suitable and sufficient Covid-19 risk assessment must be carried out
3. A competent Covid-19 Officer must be appointed
4. Be able to demonstrate safe and effective management of crowd density throughout all site areas in order to maintain any social distancing requirements
5. Be able to demonstrate how queues can be managed effectively
6. Ability to ensure the use of face coverings in accordance with the relevant regulations (The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020) and relevant guidance
7. Be able to demonstrate enhanced cleaning, hand washing and hygiene procedures for staff, vendors and public, sufficient for projected numbers
8. Ability to manage waste, including face mask and other PPE disposal
9. Ensure good ventilation in all areas
10. Have contingency plans in place to maintain social distancing during the event should arrangements need to change, for example inclement weather
11. Ability to identify, report and respond to suspected or confirmed Covid-19 cases
12. Be able to demonstrate robust calculations of visitor projections relative to COVID compliant site capacity
13. Have taken into consideration of the impact of the event in the local area including transport
14. Have communication plans in place to inform attendees of the Covid secure arrangements in place at the event and provide attendees with instructions for attending the event.

Update on our local approach to events

Worked with NY SAG to develop a consistent approach across the County to recording, reviewing/triaging events, convening a SAG and escalating to the Director of Public Health where appropriate.

Process for escalating events to the DPH for a 'direction' to prohibit the event

Note: All known events should be recorded on the master event list located on Resilience Direct



*Referral must be documented to include deficiencies against the '14 Principles' and minutes of the SAG meeting.

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- Appointment of 2 Covid Events Support Officers – 2 part-time posts hosted by Hub but providing extra capacity to Safety Advisory Groups
- Communications – working with comms team to produce messaging around events - to include encouraging safe behaviours by attendees at events and how to run a safe event
- Assessing risk – developed a risk matrix using a set of criteria to assess the level of potential covid-19 risk in local areas that may then inform level of actions we may wish to consider taking with events.

Key local organised events currently planned to take place_(as of 16.6.21)

Craven:

- Skipton Gateways Festival 6th- 8th August.
- Yorkshire Dales Food & Drink Festival 24-26th July

Hambleton:

- Nothing to note at moment.

Harrogate:

- Great Yorkshire Show 13th-16th July.
- Deershed – base camp event 30th July – 1st August.
- Harrogate Home and Gift Festival - 18-21 July

Key local events planned (cont.)

Richmondshire: nothing to note at moment

Ryedale:

- Meadowfest, Talbot Hotel Grounds 31st July

Scarborough:

- Various concerts at Scarborough Open Air Theatre – June and July
- Whitby Regatta – 21st -23rd August
- Filey Rally – 24th September.

Selby:

- Selby Fun Day – 1st July

