

We know you are keen to come back to shows and we want to make them safe for you

IMPORTANT : Information about attending the Kettering Spring Show on 5th March 2022

At the time of writing this on Friday 14th January 2022, a few Covid 19 restrictions are still in place which need to be adhered to in order for events to happen.

The Government are saying that a guide to 'Living with Covid' will be available in March so it is possible that restrictions may be reduced before 5th March but we need to plan for the worse-case scenario and work backwards. **So, if nothing changes between now and the 5th March 2022, this is what you need to know before you arrive at Kettering for the Spring Show.**

The current three key restrictions are: Face Coverings, Good Ventilation and Covid Status Checks.

Face coverings

Face coverings are legally required in most indoor public places and indoor areas of public transport. A face covering should fit securely around the face to cover the nose and mouth and be made of a breathable material.

Unless you have an exemption, a face covering must be worn except when you are eating and drinking or speaking to someone who needs to lip read.

A face visor or shield may be worn in addition to a face covering but not instead of one. This is because face visors or shields do not adequately cover the nose and mouth, and do not filter airborne particles. Transparent face coverings may be worn by those who communicate through lip-reading or facial expressions.

We are aware that some people cannot wear face coverings or aren't required to.

This includes:

- children under 11
- people who can't wear face coverings because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or a disability, or because it would cause them severe distress.
- people who are assisting someone who needs to lip read (or needs clear sound and facial expressions to communicate).
- The reasons for not wearing a mask may not be visible to others and we will make sure that staff are mindful and respectful of people's circumstances.
- We are also aware that some people who cannot wear a face mask will choose to wear a visor because it is better than not wearing anything.
- **Most people who cannot wear a face covering have a sunflower lanyard or an exemption from their GP.**

Ventilation

Good ventilation brings fresh air into indoor spaces. The more fresh air that is brought inside, the more it will dilute any virus particles in the air.

We will ensure that we:

- Open doors, windows and air vents where possible.
- Opening doors and windows even for a brief period can help to refresh the air and reduce COVID-19 particles.
- Opening the windows and doors fully will let the most fresh air into the space.
- **You may wish to bring an extra layer of clothing for the show.**

IMPORTANT: Required use of the NHS COVID Pass

We are required by law to check the vaccination status of all visitors to our event but, our show does meet the criteria for random spot checks as outlined later.

The use of the NHS COVID Pass is required as a condition of entry into indoor events with 500 or more unseated attendees, where those attendees are likely to stand or move around for all or part of the event. **Getting an NHS Covid pass is very easy.**

You can get your NHS COVID Pass through:

- the NHS App
- NHS.UK website
- a letter that you can obtain on NHS.UK or by calling 119

The NHS COVID Pass lets you share your COVID vaccination status and test results in a secure way for entry to domestic venues or events.

An NHS COVID Pass is valid two weeks after completing a full course of vaccination (currently a full course of vaccination without the need for a booster, but this will be kept under review), or if you have a negative test in the last 48 hours.

N.B. The Covid Pass expires after 30 days from downloading / receiving it so, do not request it until less than one month before the show

In addition, you can obtain an NHS COVID Pass if:

- you have received a trial vaccine as part of a formally approved COVID-19 vaccine trial in the UK
- you have a medical reason that means you cannot be vaccinated or tested, confirmed by your GP or a specialist clinician

You can also show email or text proof of your negative test result in order to gain entry to these venues.

Proof of a recent negative test result

If you are not using the NHS COVID Pass but accessing the show with proof of a negative PCR test or negative rapid lateral flow test taken within the past 48 hours the you must have reported the test result to NHS Test and Trace.

You will then receive a text or email notification which should be checked as a condition of entry. A valid notification of a test result from NHS Test and Trace should include all of the following:

- the name of the person who took the test
- their age or date of birth
- the date the test sample was collected or received by the test provider
- confirmation that the test was either a polymerase chain reaction test or a lateral flow test
- confirmation that the result of the test was negative

For those who do not use the internet, I am sure a family member or friend can help you get your Covid Pass. It really is not a difficult process.

How will the Covid Pass or Proof of a Negative Test be checked?

We must take reasonable measures to ensure that attendees have the required NHS COVID Pass (or other accepted international evidence) or a negative test result to enter the venue.

Specific stewards will check COVID-19 status by using the free NHS COVID Pass Verifier App which ensures that passes are valid and have not expired. This reduces the possibility of fraud. This provides the most secure verification of an NHS COVID Pass and passes from the rest of the UK and 62 countries that are part of the EU gateway, by scanning the 2D barcodes.

The NHS COVID Pass can also be visually checked.

Text or email proofs of a recent test should be visually checked.

We will test as many attendees as possible. Guidance states that random spot checks may be used when it is not reasonably possible to check proof of COVID-19 status for all attendees. This applies for:

- an indoor event with 500 or more attendees who are expected to stand or move around.
- events where the majority of attendees are expected to arrive for a fixed start time / where entrants are likely to all arrive in a short space of time.

We will ensure Covid status checks are done first and ticket issuing is second and we will do these as quickly as possible before allowing people to move through to the Kettering venue refreshment area. Please bear with us if there is a queue.

In order to keep everyone safe please wait in the refreshment area until your entry time.

Advanced ticket holders are called through at 09:30 and standard ticket holders will have access from 10:00. You can buy advanced tickets now via a link on the Spring Show page on the website or if you cannot use the internet, you can phone Lesley Sladen on 01594 841856.

Cleaning & Hygiene are the responsibility of the venue but we will check who is doing what cleaning and, how frequently. We will also ensure that hand washing facilities and hand sanitiser stations are clearly signposted.

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