

TALKING HORSE VENUE

Covid-19 H&S doc

'Talking Horse' is an exciting new touring venue developed as a way of presenting dramas, music and other entertainments in a covered but outdoor facility in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In an innovative way it consists of a covered tented space, small stage with lighting and sound rig, seating for up to 30 people with attached horsebox refreshment stall & adjacent ticket facility. The venue has some open sides to allow for ventilation and incorporates a one-way pedestrian flow system with appropriate distancing of seating, in line with current requirements, to achieve a safely managed environment that is Covid-19 secure.

- Ticketing will be on-line but also includes a facility at the venue that will be open in advance of the show.
- Contact details of all people attending will be stored by the company for a period of 3 weeks (then erased) to assist with any potential NHS Track & Trace issues.
- Queuing will be managed by indicating spacing intervals, in line with the government guidance at the time, by markers (cones) or chalk markings on the ground where possible.
- Potential pinch-points for every location will be identified and measures taken to control & manage these.
- A one-way in and one-way out pedestrian management system will be in place and clearly signed.
- Seating is completely flexible but can be in blocks for 'bubble' groupings with spacing intervals between, in line with current guidance.
- As far as possible audience members will be asked to verify that they have no health issues with regards to Covid-19 symptoms (fever, persistent coughing etc) before access to venue. If any of these occur during the performance the situation will be assessed and any appropriate action taken.
- If government mitigation guidance at the time advises the wearing of face masks then this will be implemented as far as is practical, except for people that are exempted.
- Thorough venue cleaning will be carried out before and after each performance and personnel involved will be equipped with relevant PPE.
- Hand sanitiser will be available in clearly identified locations.
- Toilet accessibility will be identified for each location in pre-existing facilities, which will endeavour to be Covid-19 secure.
- Refreshments will be available throughout, complying with current guidance.
- Staff will be separated from customers by plastic screens both in the horsebox and at the adjacent box office.
- Exterior safety lighting will be in operation during the hours of darkness.
- A safety management system is in place to look after the well-being of general public, performers and staff.

- Adherence to current guidelines and best practice within the local authority and legislation of the national government (England/Scotland/Wales) and relevant Public Health bodies will be observed at all times with reference to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts> and <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-performing-arts-and-venues-sector/>

Regular monitoring of current government guidance/best practice will be undertaken to update any of the above as required

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