

Covid 19 Opening arrangements...

During the Coronavirus pandemic, Daisy Inclusive UK has been conscious of the needs (sometimes desperate) of the vulnerable people in our community. Hence, we have dedicated ourselves to safely providing a wide range support so that people will not be left isolated.

It is imperative that we all adhere to the laws and guidelines laid down by the Government in keeping ourselves safe and healthy.

Daisy Inclusive UK frequently reviews the guidelines and our practices. Below are the relevant sections of the Guidelines that focus on Daisy being safely open to its beneficiaries.

COVID-19: Safety in Community Centres

The Government Guidance was updated to the Government website on 6 January 2021. It provides guidance for those managing community centres, village halls and other community facilities on safely re-opening multi-purpose buildings.

Point 2 of the Guidelines says that core principles for safely opening community facilities says:

Any reopening plans should be consistent with:

- [core public health guidance](#) regarding health, hygiene, and [social distancing](#)
- [safe workplace guidelines](#), to ensure employees are safe to return to work

Needless to say, Daisy Inclusive UK reviews and adheres to these important guidelines.

Point 2a emphasizes Social distancing and capacity regulations...

This section states:

Support groups (such as victim support and mental health groups) can take place in gatherings of groups of 15 (subject to capacity) in a COVID-19 secure

community facility if organised by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support to its members or those who attend its meetings.

Specific activities are highlighted as permissible in the guidelines where **“venues are used for providing a small number of exempt activities, including support groups”**.

As stated, Daisy Inclusive UK reviews guidelines and takes advice on its activities on a frequent basis. We pay particular attention to exemptions to lockdown guidelines so that we do not contravene the law and provide a service to support the mental health of beneficiaries.

Government Guidelines tell us about “when you can leave home?” Here are the pertinent areas for us....

Volunteering

The Law and Guidelines state that “You can also leave home to provide voluntary or charitable services”.

Essential activities

You can leave home to buy things at shops or obtain services. You may also leave your home to do these things on behalf of a disabled or vulnerable person or someone self-isolating.

- to [provide care or assistance to someone vulnerable](#), or to provide respite for a carer

These brief highlights are specific and our service is geared to their requirements.

A very important point to emphasize is that Government Guidelines on exemption states:

Support groups that have to be delivered in person can continue with up to 15 participants where formally organised to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support - but they must take place at a premises other than a private home.

“Where a group includes someone covered by an exception (for example, someone who is working or volunteering), they are not generally counted as part of the gatherings limit.”

This latter point is reviewed daily to ensure the best possible care for beneficiaries, volunteers and staff.

As stated, Daisy reviews practices and guidelines frequently and we are dedicated to you and the UK Government Guidelines.