

	<p style="text-align: center;">The Salvation Army United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland Coronavirus task force response document</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pandemic Preparation and Response Guidance: The Salvation Army Corps</p>	<p>Issued:</p> <p>Review by: Assistant Chief Secretary</p>
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1. Introduction and Purpose

The Chief Secretary has convened a Task Force to ensure that we are prepared should the risk to people linked to The Salvation Army increase. The Task Force is looking at business continuity plans and ensuring our policies and guidance is up to date and properly communicated. The group will meet daily for the foreseeable future and will monitor the official risk register and guidance from government and will update officers, staff, members and beneficiaries as necessary.

This document provides some pandemic preparation and response guidance for corps officers.

2. Scope

This guidance is for all corps officers within The Salvation Army United Kingdom Territory.

3. Response

Services and other public gatherings and services to the public

In any situation where people come into close contact, good hygiene precautions should be adhered to.

Government guidance does not support a blanket ban on public gatherings, it should also be recognised that individuals may decide not to attend them. Senior leadership continue to monitor the situation closely and will make informed judgements regarding any decision about whether to suspend gatherings.

3.1 Protecting your community

During a pandemic, applying good respiratory and hand hygiene practices and encouraging compliance with public health advice are likely to make the most important contribution

We advise you to:

- Make sure you understand and follow government guidance and advice. Click the external guidance links on the main 'Coronavirus: guidance and support' OurHub page for further information ([Link](#)).
- Read through the guidance on OurHub to ensure you are aware of what to do if someone falls ill within your setting.
- Ensure that adequate supplies of cleaning materials are readily available, such as:
 - Antibacterial wipes
 - Hand sanitiser

- Soaps
 - Disinfectants
 - Paper towels
 - Rubber gloves
 - Tissues
- Review your cleaning arrangements. For example, using antibacterial cleaning wipes to clean door handles, bannisters and other frequently touched surfaces.
 - If you contract others to provide cleaning services, discuss any changes in your requirements and check they have contingency plans.
 - Consider placing hand sanitiser in main entrances and other key areas.

3.3 Planning for the continuity of core activities

You should review and update current business continuity plans. If you do not already have a plan, please put one in place. To assist you to do this, we have prepared a template plan, tailored to a pandemic scenario. Please download a copy from OurHub and complete the template to provide your corps with a more effective plan for dealing with any pandemic outbreak ([Link](#)).

3.4 Planning for the continuity of core activities

If you manage staff, familiarise yourself with the guidance for employees and managers on OurHub ([Link](#))

3.5 Response planning and potential new demands

It is likely that we will be regarded as a critical resource to the response to a pandemic. With this in mind:

- You could consider arrangements to care for members of your family and community who are ill - who visits them and how they are trained in infection control.
- You could encourage and even organise members of your congregation to collect antivirals, essential supplies and food for those in the community that are unable to do so themselves.
- You could also help to explain the rationale of government decisions to deal with a pandemic including those potentially contentious issues. By doing so, social tensions are likely to be reduced.
- You could approach your Local Resilience Forum to offer help if you feel you can do any of the tasks covered in this guidance.

This document is based on Faith Communities and Pandemic Flu: Guidance for faith communities and local influenza pandemic committees.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/faith-communities-and-pandemic-flu-guidance>

4. Monitoring and Review

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