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HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR FUN PALACE SAFE DURING COVID 19?

Check current guidelines and risk levels locally and check again before your event, as things change quickly. The latest guidelines for the UK:

England: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Scotland: www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/

Wales: <u>www.gov.wales/coronavirus</u>

Northern Ireland: <u>www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19</u> World Health Organisation guidelines:

www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public

If you are at high risk, make or take part in Fun Palaces from home. If you are not at high risk yourself, think about ways for people who are shielding to connect to your Fun Palace. We have some ideas here: <u>www.funpalaces.co.uk/1000-tiny/shielders-guide/</u>

Some basics:

Outdoors is safer than indoors, further apart is safer than heads and faces being close, it is wise to avoid people handling objects and passing them around. A tiny Fun Palace may mean you don't need to do much to stay safe, but you may want to:

- Mark spaces on the floor or ground to show people how far apart to sit or stand.
- Leave gates or doors open so people don't have to touch the handles and regularly wipe down surfaces touched by several people. Here are the <u>WHO's suggestions</u> on cleaning public areas.
- Keep windows open to help air circulation at an indoor event.
- Wear a face covering, encouraging others to do so. A parade of decorated face coverings could be part of your Fun Palace. Face coverings offer more protection indoors. Also think about participants who need to see faces, like those who lipread.
- Provide bins for people to discard used gloves or masks when they leave.
- Ask people to use their own equipment (e.g. paper, pens) or provide them in a wide tray rather than a container to reach into. Provide another tray for "used" materials.
- If you can, provide a handwashing station with soap, water (ideally hot water), paper towels and a bin, or hand sanitising station. Hygiene stations need to be cleaned too.
- In a larger space think about how people will move around. A one-way system?
 Floor markings? Signage? How many people can join in, given social distancing?

A Tiny Fun Palace is unlikely to need public liability insurance, but if you have it through your venue or job, check it is still valid and the conditions you need to fulfil to keep it valid. If your Fun Palace might not be so tiny after all, check out more detailed guidelines for your circumstances.

The UK Health and Safety Executive has <u>workplace guidelines here</u>, with more detail on cleaning, distancing, face coverings etc.

Here are <u>UK guidelines</u> for various industries, heritage locations, visitor attractions, shops. <u>UK guidelines for outdoor sport facilities</u> and for <u>places of worship</u>.

Here are some detailed accessibility guidelines from the Disability Collaborative Network and the School of Health Sciences University of East Anglia

And some useful general guidance is here (not taking into account pandemics).



