

# Covid-19 Risk Assessment

**Organisation name: Extinction Rebellion (XR) Faith Bridge Vigil**

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## **GENERAL GUIDANCE:**

1. If you have coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

GET A TEST – Do not leave home for at least 10 days after your test

2. HELP CONTROL THE VIRUS

To protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

- **wash hands** – keep washing your hands regularly
- **cover face** – wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- **make space** – stay at least a metre away from people not in your household

If you are feeling unwell, get a test and do not leave home for at least 10 days.

**WHAT IS BEING ASSESSED?**

The Covid-19 specific risks associated with the Faith Vigil which is part of the ‘Westminster Rebellion (WXR)’ rebellion protest presence outside Parliament

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
<p><b>Person infected with Covid-19 attends the Vigil protest</b></p>	<p>The general public, rebels, emergency services staff could contract the virus via direct or indirect exposure to Covid-19 (via respiratory droplets, aerosols or contact with contaminated surfaces)</p>	<p>Rebels, prior to attendance, via Telegram broadcast, are advised that if they are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms they must NOT attend the vigil protest (SYMPTOMS: A new, continuous cough, a high temperature, and/or a loss of or change in their normal sense of smell or taste.)</p>	<p>Preventing exposure to the virus is preferable to trying to deal with an exposure after it has happened. Therefore, measures to prevent attendance in the first place, by symptomatic rebels, is the most appropriate control.</p>	<p>Everyone – we are all crew!</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

<p><b>Spread of Covid-19 to other people via the contaminated hands of a person at the Vigil protest</b> People attend the Vigil protest with hands contaminated with the virus.</p>	<p>Other rebels, the general public or emergency service staff may contract the virus via indirect exposure to the virus, via the contaminated hands of another rebel.</p>	<p>To reduce the risk of infection transmission via the contaminated hands of another person, rebels are encouraged to follow handwashing/sanitising protocols prior to and during their attendance at the Vigil protest. Social distancing will be promoted and encouraged. Small numbers (well below 30) are expected for the physical Vigil protest which will assist with distancing</p>	<p>XR are encouraging regular handwashing/sanitising will reduce the risk of infection transmission via this route to a minimum. Social distancing will minimise the risk of infection transmission via other people's hands. Sanitising medium (hand rub or wipes) to be available and rebels are encouraged to bring this to the protest.</p>	<p>Everyone – we are all crew!</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
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<p><b>Spread of Covid-19 to other people via respiratory droplets and aerosols.</b>  Rebels at the Vigil protest distribute respiratory droplets and aerosols by talking, coughing or sneezing.</p>	<p>Other rebels, the public or emergency service staff may contract the virus via direct or indirect exposure to the virus, via contaminated respiratory droplets and aerosols from an infected person at the Vigil protest.</p>	<p>Rebels have been asked in all messaging to wear a mask, and XR are encouraging all rebels to wear a face covering where appropriate. Rebels are encouraged not to touch their eyes, nose and mouth. Disposable masks to be available if required.</p> <p>Rebels who need to cough, sneeze or blow their nose are encouraged to use a tissue, which should then be disposed of safely (into a bag carried by the rebel or a bin).</p>	<p>If rebels do not have tissues available, using the crook of their elbow to cough or sneeze into, is to be encouraged as an alternative measure.</p> <p>Reinforcing respiratory hygiene messaging to each other will minimise the risk of infection via respiratory droplets and aerosols.</p>	<p>Everyone – we are all crew!</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
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<p><b>Getting or spreading coronavirus through rebels from different households travelling together in cars, or on public transport.</b></p>	<p>Rebels travelling to the Vigil protest may become infected by exposure to the virus from a fellow traveller, either on public transport or in private vehicles.</p>	<p>Rebels are encouraged by XR to observe guidelines and protocols around hand washing/sanitising and respiratory hygiene.</p>	<p>XR encourages rebels to use face coverings when in private transport as well as when using public transport, and encourages rebels to carry hand sanitiser with them and use frequently.</p>	<p>Everyone – we are all crew!</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
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<p><b>Contracting or spreading the virus by not social distancing.</b> Whilst at the Vigil protest social distancing guidelines are not strictly adhered to.</p>	<p>Rebels, the general public or emergency service staff may become infected by being too close to a person who is infected, and contracting the virus either through direct (respiratory droplets or aerosols) or indirect (contaminated surfaces, including hands) transmission routes.</p>	<p>Rebels have been asked in advance and will be encouraged at the protest to observe social distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Rebels have been requested to use a face covering.</p>	<p>Rebels will sit side by side, at an appropriate distance rather than face to face.</p> <p>The Vigil protest is intended to be a silent protest. If at any time rebels are speaking out loud the prayer will not be intended to carry. Rebels are asked not to shout or sing.</p>	<p>Everyone – we are all crew!</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
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More information on managing risk: [www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/)