

Curious Pastimes Renewal 2021 information re: safer COVID processes

Please don't attend the event if you have ANY illness symptoms of ANY kind, including COVID symptoms (as per NHS guidelines), colds, flu, gastric symptoms etc.

Please don't attend the event if you have a positive COVID test (even if you don't have any symptoms) or have COVID.

No one is obliged to attend the event, if for any reason you decide not to attend at any point, even on the morning of the event itself, you should not come along. There will be no judgement or criticism for any person who makes the choice not to come along. (We will continue the refund policy we have proposed before, anyone will be able to roll over previous tickets, and you will be able to claim a refund/rollover for the price of tickets for any event not attended in 2020/2021 without question, whether asked for before, during or for a short period after an event. We know that you might be about to leave for an event and decide you just don't feel safe or you may fall ill on the day. The above applies to anyone making a new booking and anyone who has existing bookings or made bookings for the 2020 season.)

We are putting in place a number of guidelines for attendees to help make the event safer, and we expect all attendees to follow these:

all references to mask use recognise exemptions to wearing masks, this is explicitly permitted

General

- All attendees should take a lateral flow test on the day they are coming to site/in the upcoming 24 hours, including those who have had 2 vaccination jabs
- Attendees will need to show details of their vaccination status/test status on arrival, we hope to use the COVID Pass system proposed for nightclubs etc. (more details to follow)
- Grapple and Touch Spells
 - Hover hands for all touch effects
 - Hover hands for grappling including stopping fear effects
- We are proposing to make coloured wristbands available to easily show whether someone is happy with general physical contact.
 - Green – yes
 - Yellow – ask first
 - Red – no
- Masks should be worn in the loos
- No one should share drinking vessels or similar items
- To help with this, attendees should bring their own drinking vessels, ideally labelled and kept on their person
- Any rubbish involving bodily fluids, e.g. used tissues, should not be disposed of in general waste, e.g. in a faction bin, these should be kept to personal bins/carefully disposed of
- Weapons should not be loaned, shared or swapped during the event
- Bow safety sessions and the format they will take will be confirmed and announced prior to the event
- On Thursday night we will have extra staff throughout the camp areas who will have the role of communicating with the event team if someone needs assistance
- At 7pm on Friday night, there will 1 hour of OOC weapons practice/game questions etc. in faction camps.
- Weapons checkers will check all player weapons outside in camps, using gloves and sanitising between each weapon.

UK Medical & Event Services

Any person presenting with symptoms of COVID (as per NHS guidelines) will be required to attend the medics area. There will be a quarantine area where the person can take a lateral flow test and if necessary wait while we work out how to get them home/they wait for lifts. Ideally not public transport, but if they have no choice then there's not much that can be done.

There are a number of scenarios if someone has a positive COVID test:

- 1) Person on site travelled alone: Medic will advise event team and event team will arrange for take down and collection of the person's possessions and transport these to the person's vehicle/the person if no vehicle. Person travels straight home does not stop and isolates according to current govt guidelines.
- 2) Person travelled to site with others: As above, also event staff will trace those other individuals and help in the take down and transportation of all of the group's equipment as the whole party will need to leave site. The not confirmed positive people should individually seek guidance from NHS Track & Trace because they will have been "close contacts" on the journey down.
- 3) Person or persons travelled to site on public transport: Returning via public transport is very strongly discouraged however the person is responsible for their own actions. A taxi with an appropriate screen would be acceptable, the event staff could then isolate their gear and bring it back to someone near etc. if needed.

If a person travelled in any of the ways above and has been in close contact with someone/some people they did not travel with, e.g. sharing a sleeping space then the person/people e.g. sharing the sleeping space with the infected person will also need to leave site as above.

There will be other variations of the above, but the aim is to get the person/people home ASAP, clean what they have touched and ensure good airflow. Anyone who has been in contact with a person who has had to leave site will be given the opportunity to take a lateral flow test.

UK Medical and Event Services are working with the following process:

- If a person is displaying symptoms and only needs minor assistance they go home as above.
- If a person needs an ambulance we will isolate them in another tent with PPE for anyone entering that area then arrange a handover accordingly to an ambulance. The medics will not be carrying out any aerosol generating procedures at all, including nebulising (which we have done in the past for asthma sufferers) so it is absolutely essential that anyone who uses inhalers brings their own.
- If a person needs general assistance (anything not COVID symptom related) and they are not displaying symptoms both the medical team and the patient will wear disposable PPE until the process is complete, then will all be disposed of appropriately and the medical team will move on to the next patient.

The medical team will need to strictly stick to one patient per team member with consideration for cleaning and reset time between them.

Front gate

- When you arrive at the front gate your vaccination/test status will be checked and you will be asked to verbally confirm that you have taken a LFT test within the previous 24 hours and that it is negative (we will not have LFT tests available at the front gate, if you arrive without having taken one you will need to go offsite and visit a pharmacy to source your own. LFT tests are available to order free of charge from the government website or to collect from pharmacies)
 - The payment area for the front gate will be set up slightly differently, with more staff and different queues for pre-booked customers and those who pay on the gate, we will ask those queuing to adhere to social distancing guidelines
 - There will be no car parking passes, the event team on the front gate will record OOC names/IC names/factions/car registration numbers.
 - Please use cashless payments wherever possible, we will disinfect the card reader after each transaction.
 - There will be a scan and trace point on entry to the site and all attendees are strongly encouraged to register
 - The front gate will be open for arrival at the following times only:
 - Thursday: midday to 10pm
 - Friday: 10am to 10pm
 - Saturday/Sunday/Monday: 10am to 10pm: one person should please go to the event hut on arrival, the event team will return with you to your car to process your arrival
- Please do not arrive outside of these times without specifically organising this with CP

GOD

- Entry and exit to GOD will be in different places to allow flow through, we will use the side doors as the entry point (queuing along the building), with the front doors as the exit point, there will be signs to direct you and you will be asked to sanitise your hands when you come in
- The number of customers permitted into the GOD building will be restricted to one per desk, you will need to wait outside until a space becomes available
- All windows and doors will be open for ventilation
- The GOD staff will wear masks and visors
- No laminated rules will be available, if you wish to look up rules queries please use mobile devices
- No one will be able to fill in character forms in GOD, anyone not pre-booked will need to come to GOD with an already completed character form (forms will be available at the front gate but will not be stapled to receipts, there will also be lots of boxes of pens at the front gate for you to keep), players are strongly encouraged to pre book or print their character form out and fill it in before coming to site.
- You will need to wear a mask when you come to GOD, there will be signs at the entry point to remind you.
- There will be no spell cards, veteran cards, body development tags or natural armour tags for this event, this is to reduce the amount of time you will need to visit GOD and to reduce handling items where we can, we will be operating on a trust basis for these elements of the game
- Forage and scrounge will ONLY be available on Saturday and Sunday (no foraging on Friday or Monday), but without set times during those days. All foraging and scrounging items can be collected at the same time for all 4 days, the staff will do the ball picks, and there will be no black balls

- Players are discouraged from coming to GOD during the event unless necessary, please do not to attend in groups if only one person needs to go
- All item renewals have been extended by 2 years, the same applies for invested items

Event hut

- No entry to the event hut for players unless necessary, there will be someone outside to help you and if you need something please do come and ask
- If you do need to come in to the event hut you will need to wear a mask
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands if you do need to enter the event hut

Bar

- There will be extra benches and tables to make the seating areas bigger for outside use.
- The tables and bar will be cleaned regularly and there will be no table cloths
- The bar will close at midnight on Thursday to encourage dispersal of larger groups
- When you go to the bar you will need to wear a mask
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands when you go to the bar
- Please use cashless payments wherever possible

Mini-battles

There will be several thematic and plot driven mini-battles instead of 2 big battles, this is to enable the different teams to be able to provide health & safety, medical provision, refereeing and the usual exciting, dynamic plot elements.

Monsterring

- We will use a separate glade for preparing for monster slots
- Monster slot numbers will be restricted to 30 as a maximum
- Monsters will be asked to sanitise their hands when they arrive at a monster slot and at the end
- There will be a monster tent where players can leave items but this will not be monitored/supervised so you should not bring valuables when monsterring, anything left will be at your own risk
- There will be no makeup application with sponges. Monster make up will be limited to templates with spray, these can be wiped down between uses and can be made in a vast amount of shapes as needed.
- You will need to bring your own weapons/ armour etc., we will not be lending out kit or weapons
- There will be no communal buckets of water for face washing
- We will supply makeup wipes but we encourage people to bring their own if they wish
- There will be no monster mask use for general monster slots other than if players have their own masks
- Monsters must provide their own drinks or vessels for water, we will ensure there is a water source nearby to enable filling water containers
- There will be staff helping at the monsterring preparation area, cleaning down surfaces etc. and briefing

Referee hut

- No entry to the referee hut for players unless there are specific circumstances requiring this, e.g. collecting kit, delivering feedback forms
- If you do need to come in to the referee hut you will need to wear a mask
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands if you do need to enter the referee hut

Ritual circle

- The ritual circle build will be quite minimal as we are limiting the amount of staff on site before the event starts, this will also mean that there should be plenty of space for watching rituals
- There will be no entry to the ritual circle tent for players

Camping

- IC camps:
 - We are restricting use of purely sleeping tents in IC camps, this means you will need to camp in the OOC area if you have a tent just to sleep in, there will be exceptions for faction staff, accessibility and family requirements, please liaise with your command team
 - We are restricting confined/enclosed tents, e.g. bell tents from being used as IC spaces, please liaise with your command team
 - Where possible we have asked that IC communal tents have their walls removed to facilitate airflow
 - We encourage being outside of tents as much as possible, camp set up will take this into consideration, i.e. creating large spaces for communal activities. Spacing between tents will be considered in camp layout
 - Signs will be available from the event hut to put on IC tents to require masks to be worn inside, the use of these will be optional but everyone should respect the requests of tent owners
 - Hand sanitiser will be available in camps
 - Rubbish will be collected more frequently
- OOC camps:
 - We are asking all OOC campers to ensure that there is a walk space between all tents, the event team will be on hand during set up to help with this

- We will be using part of the big car parking field to provide even more OOC camping space

New player briefing

- This will take place in the glade we will use for monsterring during the event, times will be advertised in the lead up to the event and there will be signs outside GOD to let you know when this will be
- There will be sanitising processes in place

Research areas (Alchemy/CM/Crafting/Academy)

- NPCs will hold discussions with players in outside areas
- Players are encouraged to contact research staff before the event/save queries till after the event to reduce queues
- If you do need to come in to the College tented areas you will need to wear a mask
- If you do need to come in to the Academy tented areas you will need to wear a mask
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands if you do need to enter the College
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands if you do need to enter the Academy