



Coronavirus guidelines for Homeless Outreaches taking place in and around the city centre of Leeds during Second Wave Lockdown

In consultation with a range of participants, the guidelines for groups doing outreach on the streets from the 5th November in Leeds are written below:

- We recommend groups do not stay static but run mobile outreach, constantly circulating round the city centre.
- We recommend groups to go out with no more than 2 volunteers working together. This keeps in line with national Coronavirus guidelines, that no more than 2 people should meet together in an outdoor public space. Groups are permitted to have more than one group of 2 people going out on outreach. We ask volunteers to move on from an individual once they have offered support through food, drink and short conversation. If a volunteer feels they need to stay with a vulnerable person for a prolonged period of time, please make every effort to avoid other vulnerable people gathering around you.
- It is recommended that all groups carry out a risk assessment before they partake in outreach on the streets during this second lockdown.
- If any volunteers or people in their household/bubble are showing symptoms of Covid-19, they should not go out on outreach unless they have been tested and received a negative test result.
- It is recommended that volunteers wear gloves and use sanitiser where appropriate.
- Please maintain 2-meter social distancing wherever possible.
- Due to outreach being outside, we state that the wearing of masks is not compulsory but is welcomed as an additional resource. Please note, it is better to maintain 2 metres distance than wear a mask, but when this cannot be done, masks are useful in stopping the spread of the virus.
- Could groups request that people who benefit from food/drinks put any packaging or leftovers in a bin.
- We ask that all groups have people present who have a food hygiene certificate when giving out food.
- If possible, leave any food or drink, that is being given out, on the floor so that vulnerable people can collect it rather than have it given directly.