This risk assessment follows the guidance that was current at the time of writing.

Official guidance will be monitored closely.

The Wood Centre for Innovation has its own risk assessment that the Science Oxford Centre procedures comply with. There is a separate risk assessment for school visits to the Science Oxford Centre and for public visits to the Science Oxford Centre which can be found on our [website](https://scienceoxford.com/schools/risk-assessments/).

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| **Science Oxford Risk Assessment** | | |  | **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Risk Rating\*** |
| For the purposes of public visits to the Science Oxford Centre, we are considered part of the ‘visitor economy’ and are following such [guidance](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/the-visitor-economy). Please see the next page for details of the precautions we are taking. | | |
| **Hazard** | **Risk** | **Control Measures** |
| Exposure to COVID-19 (coronavirus) | **High risk individuals (**[**clinically** [**extremely**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/#:~:text=People%20at%20moderate%20risk%20(,(such%20as%20hepatitis)) **vulnerable**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/#:~:text=People%20at%20moderate%20risk%20(,(such%20as%20hepatitis))**)** across all regional tiers contracting COVID-19 | * High risk individuals should not come to the Science Oxford Centre while an epidemic/pandemic has been declared (likelihood >= 2) | 5 | >=2 | **>=10** |
| * High risk individuals three weeks after a first vaccination have a reduced risk | 5 | <2 | **<10** |
| **Medium risk individuals** [**(clinically vulnerable**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/#:~:text=People%20at%20moderate%20risk%20(,(such%20as%20hepatitis))**)**  across all regional tiers contracting COVID-19 | * While all the precautions listed below will reduce the risks to these individuals, it should be borne in mind that the overall risk rating for them is higher. | 4 | 2 | **8** |
| **General population/lower risk individuals** across all regional tiers contracting COVID-19 | * While all the precautions listed below will reduce the risks to these individuals, the severity of symptoms for adults is higher (3) than for children (2). | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | 2 | 2 | **4** |

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| **Precautions taken to stop the transmission of Coronavirus** | | |  | **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Risk Rating\*** |
| The Risk Ratings below assume lower risk individuals. For these individuals, severity is different for children and adults.  Medium risk individuals should assume Severity is 4, and high risk individuals should assume Severity is 5. | | |
| **Hazard** | **Risk** | **Control Measures** |
| Exposure to COVID-19 (coronavirus | **All**  Getting or spreading coronavirus | **Booking processes:**   * All tickets should be bought online in advance to enable us to monitor our capacity. * All staff and visitors provide full contact details at the time of booking, which enables us to contact visitors prior to or after visiting the Science Oxford Centre. * Staff and visitors are asked not to come to the Science Oxford Centre if they display any [Corona Virus symptoms.](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/) You can [transfer](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/support/articles/en_US/How_To/how-to-transfer-to-a-different-event-or-ticket-type?lg=en_GB) your ticket to another day or obtain a refund through Eventbrite. | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | 2 | 2 | **4** |

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| Exposure to COVID-19 (coronavirus | **All**  Getting or spreading coronavirus | **Face coverings:**   * Following [government advice](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own) staff and visitors aged 11+ are recommended to wear face coverings inside. (Children who wish to wear a face mask may also do so). * Science Oxford staff are recommended to wear face masks/face coverings when on site, and particularly when social distancing cannot be maintained. * Science Oxford have spare face masks which can be provided to guests as required. | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | 2 | 2 | **4** |
| **Handwashing:**   * Visitors and staff are required to use the provided hand sanitizer upon entry and re-entry to the Science Oxford Centre. Hand sanitizing stations are placed at regular intervals around the building. * Handwashing facilities are available in all toilets. There is also a hand washing station outside. | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | 2 | 2 | **4** |
| **Social distancing:**  To assist staff and visitors in maintaining social distancing, the following controls have been implemented:   * Club attendees will be seated adhering to social distancing requirements. * Our Exploration Zone has been suitably spaced to support visitors with maintaining social distancing while interacting with the exhibits. * We have reduced the capacity of our sessions to 80%. * All tickets should be bought online in advance to avoid the need to accept payment and to reduce the need to queue. * Visitors will check in upon arrival with a staff member at a safe distance by giving their last name and will be directed through to the Science Oxford Centre, to avoid large gatherings in the lobby. * Car and bike parking are provided to enable staff and visitors to avoid public transport. | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | 2 | 2 | **4** |
| Exposure to COVID-19 (coronavirus | **All**  Transmission of disease from touching objects | **Reducing chances of transmission by touching objects:**   * All staff and visitors are recommended to sanitize their hands at the stations provided upon each entry into the Science Oxford Centre and the Exploration Zone. * There is a hand sanitizing station inside the Exploration Zone * One ‘high touch’ exhibit has been removed. * Between each session, the Exploration Zone is left empty, to aid ventilation prior to new guests entering. * Equipment can be cleaned periodically during and between sessions. * Club attendees will not share equipment with anyone outside of their household and all kit and surfaces can be cleaned between sessions. * Toilets, lunch tables and other touch points will be cleaned periodically between sessions. * Our daily cleaning for the entire centre has been enhanced. | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | 2 | 2 | **4** |
| **Our staff**  Protecting our staff | * Our staff members have taken a questionnaire to assess their ‘[COVID age](https://alama.org.uk/covid-19-medical-risk-assessment/)’. No staff member will work in any scenario where the overall Risk Rating for them is ‘High’. * Our staff are recommended to wear face coverings, and they can be asked to wear a covering by members of the public. * All full-time staff have been administered with two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. * PPE including masks, face shields, gloves, aprons, and hand sanitizer are available to our staff at all times, should they wish to use it. Extra precautions will be taken in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained such as responding to a First Aid incident. * Good ventilation will be maintained in all indoor areas. | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | - | - | **-** |