



### **Covid-19 conditions that must be met before the visit, and any further follow-up visits, can commence**

- No-one at the property is suffering Covid-19 symptoms, has recently tested positive (and is still infectious) or is awaiting the results of a test. The VBRV will ask this question again when they contact you to make further arrangements for the visit.
- If you or anyone at the property develop Covid-19 symptoms immediately before the visit, we ask that you inform the VBRV before the visit. **If you develop symptoms during or soon after the visit (within 48 hours of the visit) we ask that you inform the BCT on 0345 1300 228.** Please be aware if you or anyone at your property declare a positive Covid-19 diagnosis then no visit can be conducted for a minimum of 10 days.
- Natural England and the Bat Conservation Trust have followed government advice and taken reasonable measures to reduce the risk of Covid-19 to property occupants to a low level. The property owner or contact is responsible for assessing the Covid-19 risks to other 3rd parties and for taking additional measures such as sanitising surfaces if required.
- Where possible, all people at the property must temporarily move away from the areas the VBRVs are visiting and surveying.
- If people inside the property are not able to move to other areas they must maintain 2m social distancing if possible to do so. Please be aware if the VBRV is not comfortable with social distancing at the property they are free to end their survey and leave the property.
- Where it is possible and safe to do so please ensure that doors are temporarily propped open for the duration of the visit.
- Where it is possible and safe for you to please ensure that windows and doors are temporarily opened for the duration of the visit to aid ventilation.
- VBRVs and those accompanying them may need access to a toilet and handwashing facilities. If permission is given, please give consideration to supplying a fresh towel (cloth or paper) and access to hand soap. The VBRV and those accompanying them will be supplying their own hand sanitiser.

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- Although we are taking care with our hand sanitisation and minimising what we need to touch, we won't be able to sanitise any surfaces we may touch during the visit. We politely point out that it is the responsibility of the property owner or contact to ensure that there are safe arrangements in place to re-sanitise surfaces (including toilet and handwashing facilities if used) following government guidelines. If the building is in public use then any surfaces our volunteer is required to touch should be sanitised prior to the volunteer's survey.
- If the VBRV has to pass through the property to access other parts, or the rear or sides of the property where possible and safe to do so, the property contact should ensure that all doors enroute are temporarily propped open (if safe to do so and just for the duration of the volunteer's passage).
- If the building is a church, other place of worship or another public building, please ensure the building or part of the building where the survey takes place is closed to the public if possible and practicable to do so.
- For indoor emergence surveys at churches and other places of worship there must be adequate indoor space and ventilation for all attending VBRVs and/or buddy to have two meter plus social distancing if possible. Please be aware if the VBRV is not comfortable with social distancing at the property they are free to end their survey and leave the property.
- We recommend you follow current guidelines on Covid-19 via Gov.uk and by searching Coronavirus (Covid-19).

**By agreeing to the visit (and any follow-up visits) taking place the roost or property owner is agreeing to the conditions being met.**