

13 July 2020 Update



With effect from Monday 13th July 2020 Close Contact Services may resume in England. Please [Click Here](#) for more information.

Before returning to work, please ensure you comply with Government, NHS and Local Government Environmental Health & Safety Regulations and Guidance and have your Insurers consent & definitions.

Facial work should only be done from the back or side with a visor and will need a risk assessment signed & dated by the client.

Summary Advice from Government:

- Check with your Local Council as every Council treats Acupuncturists differently.
- Check with your Insurance to make sure you are covered.
- Carry out Risk Assessment – [tools available here](#)
- Wear PPE:
 - o Face Mask - Disposable
 - o Visor which extends below the chin – Clean after every client
 - o Gloves - Disposable
 - o Apron – Disposable
- No cloth covers on treatment tables – sanitise after every client
- Face Hole coverings, disposable or 1 per client, wash after use.
- Clients should wear face masks
- Provide & encourage clients to use hand sanitiser as they enter the premises
- Operate an appointment only system and keep clients to 1 at a time to maintain social distancing
- Allow sufficient time between appointments to clean & sanitise everything
 - o Usual equipment
 - o Also include door handles, taps, light switches, stair banister rails and other commonly touched utilities.

Use suitable sanitising and cleaning agents with antiviral/antibacterial properties.

- COVID-19 Screening Questions for every client:
 - o Have you had a recent onset of new continuous cough?
 - o Do you have a high temperature?
 - o Have you noticed a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell?

If the Client has had any of these symptoms, however mild, they should stay at home and reschedule.

- Client Toilets, clean regularly between clients – [Please see Govt Link Section 2.2 for more details](#)
- Wash reusables at a minimum temperature of 60 degrees.
- Vulnerable Clients with underlying health conditions should not be treated unless they have a specific western medical referral.
- A medical diagnosis should be obtained and it should be for pain relief or part of a medical programme.

[Close Contact Services Guide on Government website](#)