

EAST LONDON INQUESTS - ATTENDANCE Q&A

Q: What Covid-19 measures are being put in place for the hearings?

A: The Inquests' Covid policy, based on the detailed policy drawn up by the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham, is contained [here on the website](#).

Q: What should I do to prepare for attending the hearings in the Town Hall?

A: There are a couple of measures you can take in advance:

- 1) Make sure you bring a suitable facemask as well as a spare.
- 2) Have your own pen handy on arrival at reception.

Q: Which entrance to the Town Hall should I use?

A: Legal teams, reporters and members of the public will use the main entrance to the building on Town Hall Square off Clockhouse Avenue.



Q: If I use a wheelchair which entrance should I use?

A: Please use the ramp entrance on Clockhouse Avenue and ring at the door.

Q: What can I expect on arrival?

- 1) There will be 2-metre distanced queuing at the main entrance.
- 2) You will be expected to wear your mask on entering the building.
- 3) You will be asked on arrival if you're displaying any Covid-19 symptoms.
- 4) You will need to provide the staff on the security desk with your name and a contact phone number. Please have your pen ready to use. (*See final Q&A*)
- 5) All attendees will be checked by security staff using a security wand.
- 6) Bags will also be checked by security staff.
- 7) A list of regular attendees who have provided contact details to the Inquests will be kept at the security desk so that a register of daily attendance can be maintained. The list will be destroyed as per government guidelines.

Q: Will I need to wear my mask at all times?

A: You will be expected to wear your facemask on entry and when moving about the building. You may remove it, should you wish, when seated while following the hearings. To put it simply – **if you are on your feet, please wear your mask.**

Q: What if I am unable to wear a mask?

A: If you are exempt from wearing face coverings please tell the security staff on arrival to avoid challenges later. You will be issued with an exemption badge which should be clearly worn at all times within the building.

Q: What social-distancing measure is in place?

A: The Government's 2-metre rule.

Q: What other measures are being taken in the Town Hall?

A: Due to the pandemic there are several:

- 1) There will be strict limits to the numbers in legal teams, the media and members of the public attending the hearings due to social distancing requirements in the building. Numbers attending will be monitored by the Inquests' Secretariat.
- 2) The Town Hall authorities have provided clear signage for those attending the hearings.
- 3) Hand-sanitisers will be available throughout the area occupied by the Inquests and handwashing facilities are available in each toilet area. **Attendees are encouraged to make regular use of these facilities.**
- 4) The Town Hall is equipped with a fresh air circulation system. Notwithstanding, from time to time windows may be opened to help ventilate the space.

Q: Is there a cafeteria in the Town Hall?

A: No. However, there will be a small kiosk-type facility providing drinks and snacks following government Covid-19 guidelines.

Q: What if a Covid-19 infection is reported or suspected concerning someone who has attended the hearing?

A: The Inquests administration team will contact the local Public Health team and the Public Health England London Coronavirus Response Cell, who will provide advice as to the appropriate response in all the circumstances. The maintenance of the attendance registers will enable the NHS Test and Trace service to identify any 'at risk' person quickly and effectively.

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