Guidelines for Covid Status Certification and Track and Trace

Lateral flow testing, or a requirement to be fully vaccinated, has been used in most pilots and is recognised as an effective way to significantly reduce risk.

Covid Status Certification (CSC) is not required by law for weddings but helps comply with risk assessments.

Here we look at ways that wedding venues and couples hosting weddings in hire venues or at home can reduce risk while also complying with guidelines and regulations.

Covid Testing and Certification

- 86% of couples would prefer testing and certification to be used in place of other restrictions but many would like it to be the venues asking their guests to comply, rather than setting policies themselves.

- Asking guests to confirm a recent negative test or that they are double vaccinated is an effective way to reduce risk to staff and attendees at weddings.

- As testing is not required by law for weddings, venues can set their own policies on who they ask for confirmation of Covid status, for example just external suppliers and guests.

- Many venues adjust the activities that take place on the wedding day depending on the risk profile of the quests attending.

In case of an outbreak, information on the Covid status of guests will be invaluable in demonstrating to EHOs or insurers that your venue did all they could to reduce risk.

Track and Trace for Weddings

- Hospitality venues are required to display the NHS App QR code and request a mobile number for attendees, however they can use an alternative method.

- Some venues have found that attendees and staff are reluctant to use the NHS App.

- The method used must comply with privacy and GDPR laws and if you are handling the data yourself (eg using a clipboard or your own software) the data handler must be ICO compliant and your policy set out and clearly documented. Most venues and couple will find it easier using a 3rd party provider.

- Details should be kept for 21 days then destroyed. It must be available for NHS Track and Trace on request and without delay.

Trusted Trace is the only software developed specifically for the wedding industry and collects contact tracing information and Covid status evidence for wedding venues and couples hosting weddings in hire venues.