

## PROTOCOLS FOR LIVE DGMG SESSIONS

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

1. A minor amendment to the seating layout (see separate diagram) results in 2m minimum distancing for all participants with 6 present.
2. Because of this, attendance at live sessions will be limited to six including the host.

### SANITATION

1. Surfaces will be wiped down before visitors arrive.
2. Choice of sanitation will be available: hand sanitiser, soap and water, gloves.
3. CD/DVD cases will be wiped down on arrival.
4. Visitors will be allocated coffee cups close to their seating positions and will help themselves to coffee, milk, sugar.
5. Only individually-wrapped biscuits/snack bars will be provided. There will be no pile of loose biscuits on communal plates. If visitors bring biscuit offerings, these will not be opened during the session.

### MASKS

1. Conflicting medical advice exists:
  - a. masks are recommended indoors (in 'confined spaces') where social distancing isn't possible. Social distancing **is** possible, so masks would not be required, but ...
  - b. visitors to homes of over-70s are recommended to wear masks, so masks **would be** required.
2. The general consensus is that masks guard against a wearer spreading the virus. Since group members behaved responsibly during 'lockdown' the risk of spread during a live session has been minimised by our behaviour. Not only those who are symptomatic are spreaders, however, so mask-wearing could be considered sensible.
3. Personal experience during recent hospital visits fails to provide definitive guidance. Medical staff wear masks during patient interaction, but distancing is relied on otherwise.
4. Bottom line: I will not insist that masks are worn. Visitors can decide for themselves if they wish to.

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- TIMING**
1. Assemble at 1:00 pm.
  2. Commence music no later than 1:30.
  3. Limit musical choices to 10 minutes.
  4. Begin 30-minute presentation no later than 3:00.
  5. Total duration of a session depends on numbers present:
    - a. With 6 present, music beginning at 1:30, a presentation scheduled, non-presenters limited to 10 minutes of music plus 5 minutes for introduction and reaction and the presenter allowed 5 minutes for introduction ... a session would end at 3:20 (2 hrs 20 total).
    - b. Reducing settling-down time to 15 minutes (commencing music at 1:15, in other words) brings conclusion forward to 3:05 (2 hrs 5).
    - c. Total time reduces by 15 minutes for each participant less than 6.

- SCHEDULING**
1. Zoom meetings and live sessions will alternate for the foreseeable future.
  2. The first live session is scheduled for 1st August, but the general situation will be kept under review and sessions will only commence if spikes and/or clusters do not necessitate the re-imposition of restrictions.
  3. During the week leading up to a live session, the host will ask members who are comfortable with attending to confirm. A session will only go ahead if at least two do so.
  4. If more than 5 wish to attend, only the first 5 will succeed.
  5. If a live session is cancelled, it will be replaced with a Zoom meeting.

**IN ADDITION** Ventilation of indoor spaces is stressed as part of medical guidance. I've already made it clear that front and rear windows will be open during our sessions here to ensure a through-flow of air.