

Introduction

The MidCon committee is taking a balanced approach to being Covid-safe by trying to create as safe an environment for the event as is consistent with providing an enjoyable convention experience.

We provide the following information to enable would-be gamers to make their own decision on whether or not to attend. There are four strands to our policy.

- Personal responsibility
- English law
- Hotel policy and environment
- Convention set-up

Personal Responsibility

You should not attend if:

- You are showing COVID symptoms
- You have received a positive test result that requires you to isolate
- You think you may have COVID
- You are concerned about the effect that any exposure to COVID may have on your health.

English Law

Some venues have imposed proof-of-vaccination rules, including vaccine passports, but English law currently does not require anyone to impose any restrictions or conditions of entry. The event is even too small to be covered by such restrictions in Wales or Scotland.

You must not attend if you are legally required to isolate, either due to having tested positive or due to being instructed to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

Hotel Policy and Environment

The hotel provides hand-sanitiser, and staff members are wearing face coverings, where appropriate.

The hotel has QR code posters for anyone using the NHS App that supports Test and Trace programme.

The following statement is from the Best Western website:

"Throughout the pandemic we have not had a single outbreak of Covid in any of our hotels and many have achieved the highest standards of Covid safety and cleanliness according to Quality in Tourism. So, if you are travelling, you know you can stay, safe."

"If you need to change a booking, then please contact the hotel direct and they will do everything they can to accommodate you. We are a collection of independent businesses serving local communities across Great Britain. Many of our hotels are family-owned and family run. Your booking and stay are so important to us. They help our hotels to stay open and employ people at this tough time, so, thank you for choosing Best Western. We appreciate it."

There is also this page: <https://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotelsthatcare>

Convention Set-up

The convention space available is about 30% higher than at the previous venue, and we expect fewer registrations this year (for a variety of reasons) so the spacing *between* tables will be larger than usual; probably around 2m.

Players tend to stick in the same group throughout the weekend, and it shall be the decision of individuals on each table as to what their face covering policy should be.

We shall provide at least one room where people are requested to wear face coverings at all times.

Registration Fees

Our registration fees are usually non-refundable, but we will happily refund fees to any individual who has to withdraw their registration through infection or a requirement to isolate.

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