

## Identifying Risks for Members and Officers Attending Face-to-Face Meetings

The risk of COVID-19 is higher for some people than others. Stroud Town Council is proposing to carry out individual risk assessments for people at higher risk prior to attendance at physical meetings. This will enable the council to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 as much as possible.

### Clinically Extremely Vulnerable

Source: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/who-is-at-high-risk-from-coronavirus-clinically-extremely-vulnerable/>

People most at risk are known as **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable**.

You're considered clinically extremely vulnerable if:

- your doctor or GP has classed you as clinically extremely vulnerable because they think you're at high risk of getting seriously ill
- you've been identified as possibly being at high risk through the COVID-19 Population Risk Assessment
- you've had an organ transplant
- you're having chemotherapy or antibody treatment for cancer, including immunotherapy
- you're having an intense course of radiotherapy (radical radiotherapy) for lung cancer
- you're having targeted cancer treatments that can affect the immune system (such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors)
- you have blood or bone marrow cancer (such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma)
- you've had a bone marrow or stem cell transplant in the past 6 months, or are still taking immunosuppressant medicine
- you've been told by a doctor you have a severe lung condition (such as cystic fibrosis, severe asthma or severe COPD)
- you have a condition that means you have a very high risk of getting infections (such as SCID or sickle cell)
- you're taking medicine that makes you much more likely to get infections (such as high doses of steroids or immunosuppressant medicine)
- you have a serious heart condition and are pregnant
- you have a problem with your spleen or your spleen has been removed (splenectomy)
- you're an adult with Down's syndrome
- you're an adult who is having dialysis or has severe (stage 5) long-term kidney disease

## Other Higher Risk Groups

Source: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/working-safely/protect-people.htm>

The Public Health England report 'Disparities in the risk and outcomes of COVID-19' has identified that some groups of people may be more at risk of being infected, or have an adverse outcome if infected. The groups include:

- older males (70+)
- have a high body mass index (30+)
- have health conditions such as diabetes
- are from some black, Asian or minority ethnicity (BAME) backgrounds

If you believe that you are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable or belong to another high-risk group, please let us know. The council will carry out an individual risk assessment for you to ensure that we support you all we can to make your attendance at face-to-face meetings as low risk as possible.