

A specialist Digital Temperature Screening Protection survey of at-the-door Covid-19 control and protection measures in businesses and public organisations in Winchester city centre (S023), June 2021



Winchester City Centre COVID-19 protection measures survey

In a recent June 2021 survey of businesses, public and local Government organisations in the centre of Winchester, research found that 95% of these organisations did not have any atthe-door COVID-19 containment measures in place to manage contagion. This surprising statistic indicates that there was negligible protection against COVID-19 contagion and the virus was free to circulate and spread. Whilst there may have been people in the vicinity who'd recently had a lateral flow test, LFTs do not indicate actual 'status' of a persons' health as they are 'in-the-moment' snapshot tests.

Buildings should be considered as 'safe zones' as there is generally minimal contact with responsible social distancing and consequently a lower opportunity for viral transmission. The aim is to keep the virus outside of buildings by screening for protection at all entrances so that anyone with a potential illness has the opportunity to take medical advice before entering the building. This practice significantly lowers the possibility of contagion.

Organisations surveyed - June 2021

- Places of worship
- Retailers
- Hair, health and beauty salons
- Pubs and restaurants
- Local government and libraries
- Tourist information & other sites
- Law courts
- Theatre and cinema
- Hotels
- Medical, dental and veterinary
- Emergency services
- Gym, sports, and fitness centres

Whilst all organisations claim to operate basic Government guidance for COVID-19 management, research reveals that in practise only a few are fully implementing the guidance.

Organisations

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In light of 95% without any at-the-door entry protection it is no surprise that COVID-19 contagion continues to spread amongst cities as people move freely around unchecked.

> "Ask any business or office in the city how many people have entered today and how many needed to isolate due to an elevated temperature, indicative of Covid-19. Unfortunately, the majority of them don't know."



It is in the gift of businesses and public authorities to proactively take steps to reduce COVID-19 contagion. User friendly, non-invasive, digital screening systems cost just £1.53 per day, yet 95% of organisations are not adopting this approach to avert a crisis, including potential financial loss and closure. This method is affordable, deployable and complimentary to Government Covid-19 management guidance.

