

Issues for branches to consider when planning industrial action – Covid 19

- Give members options to participate in virtual actions - especially for members who do not wish to use public transport to attend picket lines.
- Wear face coverings on picket lines outdoors and when in any indoor areas.
- Keep lists/contacts of pickets/days they participate – for contact tracing purposes.
- Observe social distancing where possible, and respect other peoples' space.
- Provide hand sanitiser for pickets / on picket lines.
- Encourage participants to use lateral flow tests ahead of participating in in-person activities. Can be ordered free from:
<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- Any rallies should be outdoors or virtual.
- Use social media to distribute messages on the strike action – given students/other staff may be reluctant to take flyers/leaflets being handed out on picket lines. (May also be possible to share information on the strike with students in advance – taking care not to breach any employer policies on this matter).
- Take care if organising meeting rooms/ any indoor activity relating to the strike action. Ensure room set up allows for 2 metre physical distancing, has appropriate ventilation, and that you have a system for contact tracing participants in attendance.
- Ensure you can provide good hygiene / washing facilities especially if you are offering refreshments/snacks to pickets.