To: UG and PGT students
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Content

Dear students,

This email contains important Covid-19 updates. Please take the time to read it carefully.

Latest decisions and updates from Durham University

- Reporting cases of Covid-19 or self-isolation
- Entering Departmental and Teaching Buildings
- The County Durham Together Awards

Reporting cases of Covid-19 or self-isolation

If you have symptoms of Covid-19, you must:
- self-isolate immediately,
- book a Covid-19 test
- inform the University using the dedicated page on duo (Banner Self Service).

This will ensure that the University, your College and academic department are automatically informed and can take the necessary action.

Living in College

If you live in College and it is out of office hours, you must also inform your College duty porter by telephone.

Living out

If you live out, you must also inform the people you live with or the management of your accommodation.

All of the above also applies if you do not have symptoms but have received a positive test result.

Entering departmental and teaching buildings

As part of our measures to protect the health and safety of our students, staff and visitors and to promote social distancing it is vital to keep the number of people in our buildings down and reduce traffic across our sites.

We therefore ask that you only enter academic departments and teaching buildings if you:

- Have face-to-face teaching activities
- Have pre-booked a study space
- Have an arranged meeting with staff
- Require access to student support or a reception desk handling queries.

For teaching activities, please do not arrive more than 5 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time and please leave the building as soon as your activity has finished.
Please read our recent Teaching and Learning update for information on how we’ve made our face-to-face sessions safe for everyone and links to booking study space and library services.

The County Durham Together Awards

We know that throughout the pandemic, many of our students and staff have gone to extraordinary lengths to support others. You've shared your inspirational stories of volunteering to tutor schoolchildren online and delivering virtual exercise classes, raising money for worthy causes, and making much-needed PPE for key workers.

The County Durham Together Awards, launched by Durham County Council and The Northern Echo, will recognise those who have gone above and beyond during the coronavirus pandemic.

If you'd like to find out more or nominate someone you know, visit our website for more information.

Conclusion

Whether you live in College or off-campus, we're asking you to join the community here in County Durham to follow Covid-19 regulations to keep yourself and each other safe.

We're doing all that we can to protect everyone in our community, including providing Covid-secure environments for teaching and learning and implementing health and safety measures in Colleges and across campus. We thank those of you who continue to adhere to local and national regulations.

We know that non-compliance with the rules, for example socialising with other households, impacts virus transmission within our University and the wider community and we've been very clear about the behaviours we expect from our entire community.

By working together, we can maintain a health community.

Best wishes,

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