Covid-19: Everything you need to know as a student about health and safety on campus

To safeguard everyone on campus, we have developed effective and flexible health and safety plans, informed by guidance from the UK Government and professional bodies. More information on the measures we’ve implemented is available below.

We all have a role to play in protecting our community and Covid-19 regulations and guidance should always be followed. By working together, we can maintain a healthy community.

Hand sanitisation

Washing hands regularly is one of the principal hygiene controls for the Covid-19 virus. The entire University community is encouraged to maintain good hand hygiene, and wash or sanitise hands frequently, in line with the guidance issued by Public Health England.
To facilitate good hand hygiene, hand sanitisers will be available in all buildings, at entrances and circulation spaces. The use of hand sanitiser is recommended in addition to regular and thorough hand washing.
Social distancing

We continue to apply the 2m social distancing rule, wherever possible, in all teaching, learning, research, wider-student experience and work applications.

Where it is not reasonably practicable to apply the 2m rule, tasks must be assessed and risk mitigation measures must be applied, for example reducing the duration of any task or activity involving contact or implementing physical barriers or screens.
Face covering

All colleagues, students, visitors, contractors and members of the public* are required to wear face coverings inside all University buildings including:

- When moving around inside buildings and in communal areas, for example catering outlets
- During face-to-face meetings and classroom-based teaching activities

Face coverings do not need to be worn in individual offices or at your desk in multiple occupancy offices which are well ventilated and where desks are socially distanced.

*Not everyone can wear a face covering. Those with certain health conditions or disabilities may be unable to wear coverings.
One-way systems

Movement within buildings will be determined at a local level, with considerations given to social distancing measures, together with natural flow within the building. Local directional signage will be provided.

Generally, the use of lifts will be discouraged but will remain available with specified occupancy limits and priority will be given for those who cannot use the stairs.
Ventilation

In line with guidance from the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), we are ensuring appropriate ventilation provisions are in place on campus and improving ventilation or limiting the occupancy of spaces that have inadequate ventilation.

Part of our mitigation strategy is to ensure that as much fresh air as is reasonably practicable is brought into a building, using mechanical ventilation or natural ventilation, such as opening windows where possible.

Cleaning

Plans are in place to ensure that non-residential buildings receive ongoing cleaning of circulation and other high volume/high touch areas.

Temperature checks

Infrared thermometers have been made available at reception desks in Colleges and main University buildings. Each College household will be provided with handheld infrared thermometers to facilitate regular temperature checking.

During arrivals weekend, students and accompanying family members will be encouraged to undergo a temperature check before entering University buildings.

Useful links

You can find out more about the steps we’re taking to protect everyone on campus by visiting our Covid-19 web pages.

Our policies on social distancing and face coverings are available online.