



Keble College COVID-19 update for Monday 19th July

While legal restrictions related to COVID-19 are being lifted from Monday 19th July, the latest government guidance is to act carefully, remain cautious and to wear face coverings in enclosed and crowded spaces. Case numbers in Oxford have been at very high levels recently though rates are currently falling. However, on 13th July the University announced that there will be no change to policies on social distancing, face coverings and working from home at the current time.

The College is now issuing revised COVID-19 guidance for the Summer Vacation period. Details are set out below but in summary we expect all members of College and any of their guests to behave responsibly by continuing to adhere to most of the COVID-19 protocols that have now been in place for many months. These protocols have served us well as we have had very few serious COVID-19 cases in College during the pandemic. The continued safety of our staff who provide services to the College community remains a key priority.

This guidance will be reviewed and updated during the summer as the national and local situation changes. We will publish information about plans for the 2021/22 academic year in due course.

Face Coverings

- We strongly encourage everyone to continue to adhere to the [current face covering policy](#).

Social Distancing

- We expect everyone to adhere to a revised '1m plus' social distancing policy as much as possible.

Vaccination and Testing

- The College encourages all members of College to continue to undertake regular LFT testing.
- Our strongest protection against COVID-19 and our best means of securing a route back to normality is vaccination. We strongly encourage everyone who has not yet done so to take up the opportunity to receive two COVID vaccinations through the NHS.

Communal Spaces

- All Common Rooms (JCR, main site MCR, HBAC MCR and SCR) will be open. There will be no restrictions on capacity but we expect social distancing and face covering policies to be followed.
- The Library will be open and we expect social distancing policy to be followed.
- We are providing a greater degree of COVID security in the Shilston Room where face coverings must be worn and social distancing must be followed.
- The HBAC Gym will remain open for use by one person at a time.

Dining Arrangements

- Students and Staff will be offered a plated food service in the dining hall. There will be no buffet available from the servery. It will be possible to order boxed food for take-away.
- Fellows will be offered a plated service in the De Breyne for collection from the pantry.
- Places will be set at '1m plus' social distancing for all dining.
- Bookings should be made via the system stating menu choice together with any allergy information and requesting take-away if required.
- All catering staff will continue to wear face coverings and gloves.
- The HBAC Café will be open and customers are expected to maintain social distancing.

Visitors

- Any visitors must be guests of members of the College and must sign in at either the Parks Road or HBAC Lodge.
- Visitors are expected to follow the same COVID-19 guidance as College members.
- Other visitors are not allowed at this time with the exception that there will be some facility for student offer-holders to visit in August.

Non-academic staff working arrangements

- There are no changes to current arrangements for staff to work in College or from home where that has been possible.
- We will review the situation during August.

Conferences, Dinners, Bed & Breakfast and Weddings

- There is a financial imperative for the College to do all it can to re-start the Conference Business.
- Guests will be expected to follow the College's most up to date COVID-19 guidance in order to protect all College staff who are required to provide service to conference guests.
- There will be a process of client consultation and risk assessment for all large events.

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