

The University and Students' Union are both committed to delivering the best possible student experience whilst operating in a COVID-secure way.

It is important to ensure we all play our part in reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This is a community effort. It must be emphasised that if the local health authorities identify evidence of person-to-person transmission within the University community, they have the power to put us into local lockdown. The threshold for this is very low, so we all need to remember to keep safe and follow the guidance.

All students, staff and contractors are expected to observe and adhere to the following:

- **Important! If you develop symptoms of COVID-19** (e.g. high temperature, new continuous cough or loss/change to sense of smell or taste), do not come onto campus. **You must self-isolate and notify the University by email immediately: covidreport@chi.ac.uk you must also arrange to be tested.**

Any member of staff affected must also inform their line manager.

Whilst you are waiting for the results of the test, anyone else living in your house must also self-isolate. We will support you if you are anxious about this.

- Please ensure you share your term-time address with the University, for contact tracing purposes.
- Maintain an appropriate social distance from anyone outside your household and avoid bunching. Do not all rush to leave classrooms at the same time.
- Observe the 'rule of six' outside of teaching spaces unless you are participating in an approved exempt activity organised by the University or SU. Note that this applies in all private households as well as University accommodation.
- Stay within the law, both on and off campus. This includes observing the law in relation to social gatherings, especially related to parties and following the guidance on self-isolation.
- Show mutual respect at all times to your friends, peers, staff and the wider community.
- Adhere to University (including Catering & Security), Students' Union and Government guidance and instructions.
- Regular washing/sanitising of hands (and equipment as appropriate) especially on entry to buildings and classrooms.
- Wear a mask/face covering where required, unless you are exempt. This includes in all classrooms unless presenting in the green boxes or performing.
- Observe one-way systems.

Failure to follow the above increases the risk of the virus both within and outside our University community. It puts lives at risk, and has the potential to dramatically impact the operation and reputation of both the University and the student experience. None of us would like to see the University and our community placed into local lockdown, so we all need to do our bit. The

University and SU have developed a COVID pledge attached to this message that we expect everyone to respect. Please take the time to read it carefully and follow the instructions.

Those who persistently do not adhere to the guidance will face disciplinary measures where appropriate. In some cases, this could even be escalated to involve the police and fines of up to £10,000 have already been issues at other universities.

Covid Report and Support

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