

Protocol for wearing face coverings in College

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Please note that the information outlined in this protocol is subject to change and will be continually reviewed in accordance with the latest Government and University guidance.

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2. Introduction

College planning is centred on a risk assessment approach to keep our members and the wider community safe and well by reducing the risk of transmission through a series of protocols.

Current members and visitors are asked to carry and a face covering (unless exempt) at all times, and to wear it in the circumstances set out in this protocol which are aligned with the national Government expectation and recommendation that people wear face coverings in crowded areas.

This protocol will be continually reviewed as we move forward in line with the latest [Government COVID-19 guidance](#) and [University COVID-19 guidance](#).

3. General information

Anyone in the College site must carry a face covering at all times and wear it when required to do so by this protocol.

In the event that a current member or visitor has mislaid or forgotten to carry a face covering, they can be picked up and purchased from the Porters' Lodge. Current members are encouraged to keep a small stock of spare face coverings in their room or office.

For environmental reasons, all members of College are encouraged to wear reusable washable face coverings where possible, rather than disposable face coverings.



Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided to members who have high levels of contact with other members.

4. Where to wear face coverings

Inside College buildings

In general, unless provided otherwise in the specific circumstances described below, members should wear face coverings in all communal indoor settings, unless they have a medical exemption.

In particular, face coverings **are required to be worn** in shared communal spaces such as the Library, shared study spaces, post-room, Porter's Lodge, cafeteria and dining halls (unless seated at a table to eat/drink).

Face coverings **do not need to be worn** in a member's personal living space, "household" (although see section on households in isolation below), or a single occupancy closed door room for work or study purposes.

Within a shared office face coverings **should be worn, unless** there is prior agreement of all the occupants and the room is well ventilated.

Households in isolation

Students sharing a household with a symptomatic or COVID-positive student will be required to wear a face covering when moving around their shared accommodation area, and inside their kitchen, but not when within their own private room. COVID-positive students will be required to self-isolate as per the College's [Protocol for self-isolation, household-isolation and quarantine in College](#)

External areas

Many external areas of the College have tight spaces and narrow passageways. To keep College members and visitors as safe as possible and to help reduce the threat of transmission, face coverings are **encouraged to be worn** in the main College courtyards.

In particular, face coverings **should be worn** when queuing outside to enter the cafeteria.

Face coverings are **not required to be worn** when working, socialising, exercising or sitting in the College gardens.



5. Summary

✓ REQUIRED	X NOT REQUIRED
<p><u>College Buildings</u></p> <p>✓ Inside all communal areas of College buildings (Exceptions are noted in the next column)</p>	<p>X In your personal living space, “household”, or single occupancy closed door office work or study space (for Fellows, staff and students)</p> <p>X Within a shared office, or when attending an indoor supervision, <u>provided that</u> the specified conditions set out in this protocol are met</p> <p>X Inside in a dining area when seated and eating or drinking</p> <p>X If you have a medical exemption</p>
<p><u>Households in isolation</u></p> <p>✓ Inside a shared accommodation area (including kitchen)</p>	<p>X In your own private room</p> <p>X If you have a medical exemption</p>
<p><u>College Grounds</u></p> <p>✓ Queuing outside to enter cafeteria</p> <p>✓ Passing through College courtyards (encouraged, not required)</p>	<p>X When seated at Sidney Bar in Cloister Court</p> <p>X In the College gardens</p> <p>X If you have a medical exemption</p>