

## **Covid-19 and Brasenose College: Key Points for Students**

The below points aim to encapsulate key points students need to know about living at Brasenose during the covid-19 pandemic, not including specific information about isolation and international arrivals, which can be found in their own guidance documents at <http://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/covid-19>, where there is also other more detailed policy. If you observe all the below points then you will be helping to support a COVID-secure living and working environment.

### **Socialising and Social Distancing**

- England is currently in a national lockdown. The main point to note about this is that there is to be no social mixing indoors or outdoors with people from other households.
- You can still meet for exercise (including a walk), socially distanced at least 2m away, outdoors, with one person from another household.
- When in College (inside or outside), you must maintain two-metre social distancing at all times from people who are not in your household (in tutorials, at clubs and societies, in the quad, etc)
- You may mix freely indoors with other members of your own household, without social distancing, unless they (or you) are isolating, but you should not be going outside for social purposes even with your own household.
- You must follow signs and arrows indicating directions of travel around college, for example in the Buttery and in Hall

### **What happens if I show symptoms of Covid-19?**

- If you are in your own room, in your own household, remain there and fill out the online isolation form (<https://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/isolate>)
- If you are somewhere else, return to your own room in your household, and as soon as possible fill out the form
- Book a test at the University testing service <https://www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus/health/covid-testing>
- You may leave your room in order to attend your test appointment, but otherwise you should self-isolate until you receive your results
- Your household also need to isolate (and fill out the form) as soon as possible, until you have received your test results

### **Face Coverings**

You must wear a face covering when in a college or university building (unless exempt), but you may remove it in order to eat in one of our dining areas. Please see the Face Covering Policy at <http://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/covid-19> for details of exemptions.

### **General Hygiene**

- Practice frequent handwashing with soap and water, or hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching surfaces and touching your face
- Sneeze into a tissue and dispose of it hygienically, cover your mouth if coughing and wash your hands again.
- Use hand sanitizers provided, including when entering and leaving college.

## Communicating with your household

There will be a variety of opinions and anxiety about the Covid-19 risk across and within households. Work as a household to minimise risk, and have discussions with each other about what activity you think is appropriate and in line with the guidance.

### ‘Bubbling’ as a Household of One

If someone is a single-person household, they can email [domestic.bursar@bnc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:domestic.bursar@bnc.ox.ac.uk) to request to ‘bubble’ with another household, effectively becoming another member of that household meaning they won’t have to socially distance with those people. This requires getting the consent of all members of the any households involved. There can not be more than one bubble to one household

### Visiting Home

In lockdown students are not to move between residences. You are allowed to travel to return to Oxford, if you have been granted an exemption, but you should not be travelling back home once you arrive.

### Discipline: A Note from The Dean

- In terms of College discipline, any action needed in relation to COVID-19 will be taken within the established framework and practices laid down by the *Student Handbook* but:
- A reminder that infractions of College rules are cumulative: *and*
- The maximum penalties - outlined in the *Handbook* - are usually levelled in cases where other people’s lives are endangered, a circumstance applicable to COVID-19: *and*
- Serious cases will be subject to the relevant disciplinary procedures outlined in the *Student Handbook*.

### Changes to Domestic Arrangements (Lodge, Bar, etc.)

<b>Lodge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No access to pidges. Post passed to you by porters on request.</li> <li>• Meetings with Head Porter by appointment only</li> <li>• Visitors to College by appointment only and they need to be met and escorted around College at all times</li> <li>• A lodge triage system will be in place on Old Quad</li> </ul>
<b>Catering/Bar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food will be provided through an ‘order ahead’ system via Upay</li> <li>• Gerties will be closed</li> <li>• The Bar is closed until futher notice</li> <li>• No Formal Hall, but this is continually under review</li> </ul>

<b>Shared Kitchens and Bathrooms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared bathrooms and kitchens will be cleaned by the housekeeping team</li> <li>• In shared kitchen please follow social distancing, please clean and disinfect hand contact points before and after you have been in the area. It is advised to not make drinks for others at this time to avoid passing a cup between people. Please wash your own dirty crockery and cutlery after use.</li> </ul>
<b>General Cleaning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared toilets and often touched surfaces will be cleaned 3 times a day as part of the enhanced cleaning regime in place</li> </ul>
<b>Rooms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be responsible for the cleaning of their own rooms – to be kept under review.</li> <li>• College will provide household cleaning materials/equipment</li> </ul>
<b>Access and Egress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry to the main college site is via the Lodge only. Access to all other accommodation sites is similarly via the main entrance</li> <li>• Egress from College is via the High Street or lodge. Egress from all other accommodation sites is via the main entrance</li> <li>• Use all available space to circulate around college, including the quads</li> <li>• Please use the sanitising stations as you enter and leave college sites</li> </ul>
<b>Travel and Parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support students in avoiding public transport College has increased the amount of bike storage at the main site, Frewin, and the sportsground</li> </ul>
<b>Room Bookings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face to face meeting should be an exception. If a meeting room booking is required please do this in the usual way, via the decanal process</li> <li>• Due to social distancing guidance the capacities of the rooms have significantly decreased, and scheduling will be restricted to allow for regular cleaning.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic purposes will take priority for room bookings</li><li>• A heated marquee will be available on New Quad for student use</li></ul>
<b>Photocopiers/Shared Printers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suitable wipes have been placed near to shared photocopiers and printers. Please use these between uses to reduce transmission risk.</li></ul>

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