COVID-secure living and studying at St Edmund Hall: 
Key points for students living in a college household

Stay COVID-safe. Keep protecting the community
When you return to Oxford, you must continue following all College, University and Government health advice – even if you have already had the vaccine. The outlook is more optimistic this term, and restrictions are gradually easing - but the pandemic is not yet over. We need to continue working together to prevent case numbers rising, and protect the entire community. We encourage you to enjoy Oxford responsibly – particularly making use of outside spaces as the summer months approach.

Get tested twice, then twice a week
If you’re in Oxford, you are expected to get tested for COVID-19 when you return (or at the start of term if you didn’t leave during the vacation). College will provide you with two Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests to take yourself (email Bursary). After these initial tests, you should then get tested twice a week every week via the new symptom-free testing centres. The centres will be in easy-to-access sites around Oxford, and they will follow strict safety measures.

Social distancing inside and outside your household
- All students in college accommodation will be in households consisting only of St Edmund Hall students
- You must not enter a household that is not your own, or permit someone who is not in your household to enter your household
- You may mix freely with other members of your household, both within your household space and elsewhere (unless someone in your household is symptomatic, in which case see below)
- If someone in your household is symptomatic, self-isolate while they wait for their test results
- When with other people who are not members of your household, you must maintain two-metre social distancing at all times
- You may meet up outdoors with friends and family who you do not live with, either: in a group up to six of any number of households or, in a group of any size from up to two households
Self isolation compliance checks following international travel

The government is now carrying out public health self-isolation compliance checks on individuals who have a legal duty to self-isolate for 10 days following international travel. It has updated its international travel pages to provide information about these compliance checks.

If an individual is required to self-isolate, they may receive a visit from someone employed by a company on behalf of the government. The guidance sets out what to expect from such a compliance check and the protocols that will be followed by staff employed on behalf of the NHS Test and Trace service.

When out and about in the College
- You must wear a face covering when inside a college – especially in the Library or while passing through the Lodge. You may remove it in order to eat in one of our dining areas.
- Please follow signs and arrows indicating directions of travel around college, for example in the Porter’s Lodge and in the Wolfson Hall.
- You can only meet in groups of 6 in outdoor spaces.
- Wash / sanitise your hands frequently.
- Non-members of St Edmund Hall (e.g. students from other Colleges) may not be brought as guests to any College site.

Arrangements for meals – much the same as Michaelmas term
- Breakfast is available in servery Mon-Fri using your cash account.
- Social distance from other households while in the queue.
- Dinner must be booked in advance, this is to enable as many people as possible to eat. Dinners will be served in the Wolfson Hall.
- You may eat takeaway food in the marquees or your residence. Alcohol may also be consumed, responsibly, in these areas. Please remember to clear away your waste.
- Click and collect College bar will be open Tuesday to Saturday, 6.45 to 10.30 pm.

What happens if I show symptoms of Covid-19?
- If you are in your own room, in your own household, remain there.
- If you are somewhere else, return to your own room.
- Book a test at the University’s testing service.
- If you feel ill at any time contact the College at easresults@seh.ox.ac.uk any time of the day or night. This will be picked up by the Lodge Porters and passed to the appropriate person.
- You may leave your room in order to attend your appointment, but otherwise you should self-isolate until you receive your result.
In the event of a fire alarm

- Leave the building immediately and muster as per the information in your building. You do not need to keep 2m distance from everyone else while mustering as this will be for less than 15 minutes. This applies even if you are isolating or have symptoms, in these instances keep 2m from the others at the muster station.

For serious breaches of the covid-secure living rules (in the first instance) you will be asked to leave your College accommodation. Serious breaches include: household mixing indoors, breaching self-isolation, bringing in non-St Edmund Hall student guests into College buildings. This is consistent with Health and Safety matters as described in the Grey Book.

COVID-secure self isolation in St Edmund Hall residences:

Key points for students

Self isolation can be a trying time for you, but there is support available through your Decanal team (https://www.seh.ox.ac.uk/students/health-and-welfare) and your common room welfare officers (JCR: jcr.welfare@seh.ox.ac.uk or MCR: mcr.welfare@seh.ox.ac.uk). In addition to that, the College can help you source food (if not at Queen's Lane), if you need help. The following points encapsulate the key things that you need to know and do. If you observe them all then you will be helping to support appropriately a COVID-secure living and working environment.

While in self isolation

- You may not leave your household and walk about College or your residence building. (your household has been communicated to you).
- If you do not have an en-suite bedroom, you will use shared toilets and showers. Cleaning materials will be provided in the bathrooms and you should clean the facility after you have used it.
- You can prepare food/drinks in the shared pantries. Cleaning materials are provided and you should wipe down all surfaces after use.

Arrangements for meals

- You are advised to have food and medication for a 24 hour period always available. This is the time you may wait for your test result from the Testing service.
- If a period of isolation is advised for your household on Queen’s Lane: when the main kitchen is open, dinner will be delivered to your pantry daily. Basic groceries for breakfast and lunch (optional) for the household can be provided on a weekly basis.
  (Breakfast £2.85, Lunch £3.50 (optional), Dinner £5.50)
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- Living outside of Queen’s lane, you can order food deliveries through online providers such as supermarkets, Deliveroo, Uber eats and collect these from the door of your residence, remember to keep 2m from your fellow residents and wear a face mask.

**Shopping**
- You can shop online and have your purchases delivered to your building/the Lodge. You may leave your room to collect your parcels from outside the front door. Keep 2m from your fellow residents and wear a face mask.

**Library**
- You can order books from our library by emailing our librarian at library@seh.ox.ac.uk.

**In the event of a fire alarm**
- Leave the building immediately and muster as per the information in your building. Keep a 2m distance from everyone else. This applies even if you have symptoms.