Queens' Covid Community Agreement

“I will play my part in keeping Queens’ safe”

Due to the ongoing public health emergency resulting from COVID-19, many educational and social interactions are subject to more regulation than is usually the case. Our behaviour has the potential to cause particular and significant consequences for the people we live and work with, for our families, for our collegiate University and for the wider community including local public services. We all have a shared responsibility to do what we can to lower the risk. We cannot make everyone safe, but each of us can help deal with this serious and continuing emergency.

As individuals within the collegiate University community, we all have different vulnerabilities and pressures, but we draw strength from our diversity and our ability to continue to work, study and live together in these unprecedented times. By working together, we can continue to function as a College. If we do not tackle this together, the community will suffer and the College will not be able to function. All of us can do something to help.

College COVID-19 measures relate to conduct on all College property but are in line with guidance covering the University and City. On occasions, because of the peculiar circumstances of the College, our measures may go beyond that required by law and public health guidance. They include expected behaviours regarding hygiene, social distancing, test, track and trace and may also include obligatory periods of individual or household isolation. At all times, the College will require ongoing adherence to regulations and procedures and will support you in doing so whether you are studying, teaching, working or visiting.

In order to promote the health and wellbeing of our community, each one of us has an ongoing responsibility, to ourselves and to every member of our community, to:

- behave in a way that minimises the risk of infection;
- treat each other with dignity;
- keep themselves informed of the changing guidance and adhere to it; and
- participate in public health measures, such as test, track and trace or other public health campaigns.

By coming into College you acknowledge your personal responsibility to behave in accordance with the principles above and agree to follow the guidance issued by the University and College (whether published or distributed online or communicated in person by College staff).

In particular, members of the College agree to:

- wear masks where required and maintain adequate social distancing;
- comply with self-isolation procedures and measures;
• comply with all College, University or national requirements

• inform the College of the presence of symptoms or of a positive COVID-19 test;

• take all reasonable steps to participate in public health measures, including test, track and trace.

Current published guidance is available at the below websites:

  https://www.queens.cam.ac.uk/life-at-queens/covid-information

  https://www.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus

The detail of this guidance may be revised at short notice and so you should check the websites above regularly to ensure that your understanding is up to date.

Inevitably, there will be times when members of the College fail to observe this Agreement. The College understands that it will be difficult to re-structure our lives to take account of this new way of working and living. Some breaches will be minor and accidental, and some less so. However, it is important for everyone to understand that persistent or serious breaches of this Agreement (or the Regulations/Guidance it incorporates) may result in the student being required to leave College accommodation and being prevented from entering any College property. Our duty to you, your families, our staff and their families, means that any person who persistently or seriously breaches this Agreement cannot remain in College or College accommodation, or be permitted to enter College property.

You are required to complete this online form to indicate your acceptance of this Agreement and confirm that you understand the consequences of failing to observe it. Please read it carefully. The situation is sufficiently serious that failure to sign means that you will not be permitted to live in College accommodation whether on the main site or otherwise. Nor will you be permitted to enter any College property.