

Risk Assessment Number:	College Wide - 007	Issue No:	Draft v.19 updates are shown in red	Issue Date:	26 May 20 / 17 Jun 20 / 04 Aug 20 / 20 Sep 20 / 23 Sept 20 / 12 Oct 20 / 05 Nov 20 / 03 Dec 20 / 04 Jan 21 / 05 Jan 21 / 26 Feb 21 / 29 Mar 21 / 12 Apr 21 / 17 May 21 / 19 July 21 / 17 Sept 21 / 13 Dec 21
Title of Risk Assessment:	Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19)				
Frequency of task or date and time of event:	Tasks and activities taking place frequently, on a daily and weekly basis, to ensure a “COVID Secure” workplace.				
Additional Information to be read: Documents consulted (guidance, policies, legislation, ACOP):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HASAW Act 1974 ▪ Equality Act 2010 ▪ Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992 ▪ Management of Health and Safety Regulations 1999 ▪ PPE Regulations 2002 ▪ College Risk Assessment Policy – as approved by the College Council - Nov 2019 ▪ College Health and Safety Policy – as approved by the College Council - Mar 2021 ▪ Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19 ▪ Specific departmental Risk Assessments <i>Guidance Issued 6 July 2021</i> ▪ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-education-reopening-buildings-and-campuses/higher-education-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance ▪ HE operational guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk) 				
Assessor Name:	Wendy Evans – Domestic Bursar (& College Fire and Safety Officer)	Assessor Signature:			
Line Manager Name:	Christopher Lawrence – Bursar	Line Manager Signature:			

Levels of Risk Methodology:

Risk Matrix Findings:

LIKELIHOOD \times SEVERITY = RISK LEVEL

LIKELIHOOD OF HARM CATEGORIES	SEVERITY O.F HARM CATEGORIES		
	SLIGHT HARM (1)	MODERATE HARM (2)	EXTREME HARM (3)
UNLIKELY (1)	Very low risk (1)	Low risk (2)	Medium risk (3)
LIKELY (2)	Low risk (2)	Medium risk (4)	High risk (6)
VERY LIKELY (3)	Medium risk (3)	High risk (6)	Very high risk (9)

Risk Assessment Action Plan based on the Risk Level

Risk Level	TOLERABILITY: guidance on necessary action and timescale
Very low risk	These risks are considered acceptable. No further action is necessary other than to ensure that the controls are maintained.
Low	No additional controls are required unless they can be implemented at very low cost (in terms of time, money and effort). Actions to further reduce these risks are assigned low priority. Arrangements should be made to ensure that the controls are maintained.
Medium	Considerations should be given as to whether the risks can be lowered, where applicable, but the costs of additional risk reduction measures should be considered. The risk reduction measures should be implemented within a defined time period. Arrangements should be made to ensure that the controls are maintained, particularly if the risk levels are associated with harmful consequences.
High risk	Substantial efforts should be made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented urgently it might be necessary to consider suspending or restricting the activity. Considerable resources might have to be allocated to additional control measures. Arrangements should be made to ensure that the controls are maintained, particularly if the risk levels are associated with very harmful consequences
Very high	These risks are unacceptable. Substantial improvements in risk controls are necessary, so that the risk is reduced to a tolerable or acceptable level. The work activity should be halted until risk controls are implemented that reduces the risk so that it is no longer very high. If it is not possible to reduce risk the work should remain prohibited.

The UK introduced a COVID alert level system in May 2020 to reflect the degree of threat to the country from the virus. The system involves a scale of one to five, with five being the highest threat, and determines how much pressure the NHS is under and how strict the levels of social distancing need to be. The Joint Biosecurity Centre is constantly looking at the COVID threat level and recommends whether it should be raised or lowered. It is then endorsed by the chief medical officers of all four nations before it can be changed.

As of 12 December 2021 the UK COVID-19 alert level is Level 4.

COVID Alert Levels


HM Government

Level	Description	Action
5	As level 4 and there is a material risk of healthcare services being overwhelmed	Social distancing measures increase from today's level
4	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation; transmission is high or rising exponentially	Current social distancing measures and restrictions
3	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation	Gradual relaxing of restrictions and social distancing measures
2	COVID-19 is present in the UK, but the number of cases and transmission is low	No or minimal social distancing measures; enhanced testing, tracing, monitoring and screening
1	COVID-19 is not known to be present in the UK	Routine international monitoring

The University has its own risk assessment level which is currently **GREEN**

Hazard	Area of concern	Who may be harmed and how?	Existing Controls:	Controlled Risk Level			Further Controls Required
				L	S	Risk Level	
Spread of COVID-19	College compliance with government and PHE guidelines	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Every member of staff, including all the Fellows and Senior Members (SMs), who work in the College are to receive a copy of this risk assessment. ✓ Staff returning to work from a longer period of time away from work, are informed of any operational changes, or new areas of risk at the start of their shift or first day back on the College site. ✓ A list of Staff/Fellows/SMs/Students who have possible symptoms of COVID (or confirmed case of COVID once testing is in place) is kept by the College Quarantine Co-Ordinator, Domestic Bursar and shared with the relevant individuals to ensure no one is put at risk. ✓ COVID – self reporting, Self-Isolation and household isolation procedures are already in place. ✓ The College COVID Action Plan is regularly reviewed and updated as new information of guidance is received. ✓ The College COVID Task Force meet regularly throughout the summer to interrogate all updates from the Government and the University to ensure the College acts in a timely manner. ✓ Staff and contractors will wear PPE as dictated by the tasks being undertaken (based on a risk assessment). ✓ Hand sanitiser stations are sited around the main corridor routes. ✓ Providing signage at entrances to the College to remind the public, staff, students and contractors to maintain social distancing. 	2	x 3	= 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Staff working onsite in operational teams to confirm awareness of its principles in writing (by signing a copy of this risk assessment) and refresh awareness periodically. ✓ Reduce the number of “touch” points around the site. For example, on the corridor fire doors install maglocks “hold opens” where possible. (COMPLETED Sept 2020.) ✓ Asymptomatic testing for all students (including those living out of College accommodation but in Cambridge) will commence again on 18 Jan 21 and will continue throughout the Easter Vacation 2021.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Full size “2m rulers” displays have been placed in key seating areas, as a visual aid to remind people not in the same household (HH) to socially distance. ✓ “One way” systems in place to prevent “pinch points” and signage on rights of way. ✓ The College has prepared a Newnham Health Information Sharepoint:https://newncamacuk.sharepoint.com/sites/HealthInformation ✓ Residents may have one overnight guest for up to 3 nights per 7 day period, but they must be “signed in” at the Porters’ Lodge for fire regulations. ✓ Social distancing measures have been reviewed and College is adopting a 1m+ social distancing policy. are in place and notices drawing people’s attention to these measures. Extra social distancing recommendations are being introduced from 5 January 2021 — see social distancing section below. ✓ The College requires all members and visitors to wear face-coverings indoors in public areas or when in the presence of College staff. ✓ The 4 College roof top ergs are now inside the Gym. ✓ The Gym risk assessment will be updated to state up to 6 people per 60 minutes session and 30 minutes air change between each session. ✓ College Code of Conduct updated. Sept 2021 ✓ Any non-academic staff that had been working from home have confirmed their office and any WFH hours, with their Line Manager. ✓ SCR lunch has moved back into the College Hall with 1m+ social distance (no booking system). 			<p>The College COVID Code of Conduct and risk assessments will be reviewed each time any new rules from the Gov roadmap come into law:</p> <p>No earlier than 8 Mar 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can sit down with 1 person outside not in your own HH <p>No earlier than 29 Mar 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outdoor ergs and tennis courts to reopen. ▪ Rule of six or two HH’s mixing outdoors (with social distancing). ▪ Stay at home order removed. <p>No earlier than 12 Apr 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indoor gyms to reopen. ▪ Outdoor hospitality restart. ▪ Domestic overnight stays allowed (<u>but will not be possible in College HH setting</u>). <p>No earlier than 17 May 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Max of 30 can meet outdoors (with social distancing). ▪ Rule of six or two HH’s mixing indoors (with social distancing). ▪ Indoor hospitality can reopen. <p>From 19 July 2021</p> <p>No legal restrictions will apply but we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strongly encourage 1m+ social distancing - where that is possible, or actions to mitigate the risk; good ventilation; vaccination. ▪ That we continue to require that face-coverings be worn in College buildings, except: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When seated in a meeting (of any number of people) and all agree they are comfortable for face-coverings to be removed; 2. When eating and drinking;
--	--	--	--	--	--	---

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All other food will be take away from the Buttery and Cafe, but may be eaten in the College Hall or café with limited social distancing in place. <p>Dec 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ An email has been sent to all HODs to discuss working arrangements in each department, especially in offices with staff sharing following the guidance to work from home is possible. 				<p>3. When seated in well ventilated communal areas where social distancing of 1m+ minimum is possible;</p> <p>4. In rooms where you are the only occupant;</p> <p>5. Exempted from wearing a mask listed in the specified government criteria.</p> <p>From 16 August 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Government rules allowing those double vaccinated not to self-isolate .
	Those people displaying symptoms of COVID-19	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The College Action Plan follows the government guidance that anyone who displays symptoms such as a continuous cough and high fever are to self-isolate for 10 days and not return to work until symptoms have fully cleared. ▪ On ‘people displaying symptoms of covid-19’ – a test should be organised immediately (within 24 hour if possible) either by: <p>The University offers swab tests to College and University staff and students, as well as staff at Cambridge Assessment and Cambridge University Press, who have possible symptoms of COVID-19. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 you should arrange a test immediately. Tests should now be booked online via the web portal, not via the Addenbrooke’s Hospital Occupational Health phone line.</p> <p>When booking, you can select to take a test at one of two locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S2 Testing Pods, Addenbrooke's Hospital – 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. These pods are only accessible by car, or bike while wearing a mask. If you are already on the Biomedical Campus, you can access the pods on foot while wearing a mask. • Dyson Building, Department of Engineering, Fen Causeway entrance – 8.30am to 2.45pm, Monday to 	2	x 3	= 6	

			<p>Friday. Accessible by bike or foot while wearing a mask. Access by car is possible but very limited.</p> <p>Maps showing the locations of these testing pods can be found here.</p> <p>If you develop symptoms after the closure of the Pod on Friday, or any time on Saturday or Sunday, or cannot access either of these two locations, you can arrange a test at an alternative location using the NHS website.</p> <p>For enquiries about what to do if you or a member of your household has symptoms of COVID-19, please visit the Stay Safe Cambridge Uni website or contact the University's dedicated COVID-19 helpdesk by phone 01223 339514 or email covid-helpdesk@admin.cam.ac.uk. This service is currently NOT available to your family or HH members.</p> <p>Or by contacting: NHS 111 link or NHS 119 phone: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 10-day self-isolation period for those in contact with symptomatic individuals within a shared household also applies to all staff and members of the College unless they are *exempt from self-isolation (if a test is completed and negative, then those in self-isolation due to contact can stop their period of self-isolation). ▪ The College Action Plan has information sheets which are emailed (or given within a self-isolation pack if issued) to the resident students that have to self-isolate. ▪ The College Nurse, College Quarantine Co-Ordinator and Domestic Bursar maintain regular contact with the 				<p>* You are exempt from having to SI because you are either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under the age of 18; ▪ Double vaccinated for more than 14 days, with an authorised vaccination administered in the UK; ▪ Medically exempt from vaccination; ▪ Or part of an approved UK trial for Covid vaccines. <p>Self-isolation removed for double jabbed close contacts from 16 August – GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>
--	--	--	---	--	--	--	--

			<p>students during any period of self-isolation and updates the College COVID Recovery Task Force weekly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weekly Zoom meetings have been set up every Tuesday at 11am for those students in Quarantine or SI or HHI hosted by the College Quarantine Co-Ordinator. ▪ The College Quarantine Co-Ordinator, Domestic Bursar (or a member of the Monitoring Task Force in the absence of the D.B.) will ensure the Head Porter, Head Housekeeper and Buildings Manager are informed of all residents who are self-isolating to prevent access to these rooms – using COVID List No.5. which lists all the rooms in isolation. ▪ Heads of Department will maintain regular contact with staff members during any period of self-isolation or active illness and offer support. 				
Spread of COVID-19	Hand-washing	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place. ▪ Stringent hand washing taking place for at least 20 seconds. ▪ Use of alcohol-based hand sanitiser if hand washing facilities are not available. ▪ Notices posted reminding all working and living in College to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wash hands frequently ✓ Use hand-sanitiser frequently where handwashing facilities are not available ✓ Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow ✓ Dispose of tissues in a waste bin ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. 	1	x 3	= 3	Encourage staff to report skin problems resulting from continuous hand washing and consider the use of barrier creams.
Spread of COVID-19	Face Coverings	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed	<p>The government recommends that people wear face coverings in enclosed areas where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet.</p> <p>The Chief Medical Officer has also advised wearing a face covering if the person you meet asks you to do so. Following</p>	1	x 3	= 3	The “Safe wearing of face coverings” posters will promoted around the College. 19 July 2021 – these will remain in place during this transitional phase moving

		to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<p>this advice, and the University advice, Newnham’s approach to face coverings is as follows.</p> <p>Face-coverings are to continue to be worn in College communal areas (especially on the ground floor corridors), except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When seated in a meeting (of any number of people) and all agree they are comfortable for face-coverings to be removed. This includes supervisions, small group teaching and tutorial meetings; ▪ When eating and drinking; ▪ When seated in well ventilated communal areas where social distancing of 1m+ minimum is possible; ▪ In rooms where you are the only occupant; ▪ If a member of staff is working nearby ▪ Exempted from wearing a face covering in the specified government criteria. 				onto Step 4 of the Government road map.
Spread of COVID-19	Cleaning	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Frequent cleaning of work areas and equipment between uses, using your usual cleaning products. ▪ Frequent cleaning of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, such as buckets, site equipment and control panels, and making sure there are adequate disposal arrangements. ▪ Self-cleaning in staff toilet areas to continue. ▪ Clearing workspaces and removing waste and belongings from the work area at the end of shift. ▪ Sanitisation of all hand tools, controls, machinery and equipment after use – see more information in the College protocol and plans for unlocking the College document. ▪ If you are cleaning after a known or suspected case of COVID-19 then you should refer to the specific guidance – please refer to ANNEX J in the College Master Plan. 	1	x 3	= 3	From 4 Jan 2021 – new notices have been prepared to ask residents not to enter areas where staff are actively working, for example cleaning in student kitchens or communal bathrooms.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any 2 person jobs need to be essential and time-limited, agreed in advance with their HOD, with face-coverings and in a well-ventilated area. 				
Spread of COVID-19	Student kitchens and bathrooms	All staff cleaning these areas and those working, or using these areas if not cleaned effectively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit the number of people sharing these facilities. Provide notices in these areas setting clear use and cleaning guidance for these areas to ensure they are kept clean and clear of personal items and that social distancing is achieved as much as possible. No mixing between HHs indoors and no external visitors allowed inside the College buildings. No guests from other HH's into HH or bedroom. 	1	x 3	= 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing enhanced cleaning of these facilities. From 4 Jan 2021 – new notices have been prepared to ask residents not to enter areas where staff are actively working.
Spread of COVID-19	Staff changing rooms / showers	All staff accessing these areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit the number of people sharing these facilities. Provide notices in these areas setting clear use and cleaning guidance for these areas to ensure they are kept clean and clear of personal items and that social distancing is achieved as much as possible. Introducing enhanced cleaning of all facilities regularly. 	1	x 3	= 3	
Spread of COVID-19	Social Distancing	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1m+ social distancing in place, all footprints and ropes to be removed, as appropriate in each area. All meeting rooms to have their layouts revised re the change to 1m social distancing. No change to the SCR Lunch arrangements which will remain at 1m+ social distancing. Staff from different households cannot "car share". Staff rota's and the College lockup regime will be "ramped" up or down as the UK COVID alert level changes. The UK COVID Alert Level is at Level 4 since 12 Dec 2021. Heads of Departments are preparing for changes to the alert level by undertaking resurgence planning with for example distinct "fixed" teams to avoid "crossover" between lots of individuals. Sidgwick Hall is being used by the Housekeeping Department to ensure the staff on duty can socially 	2	x 3	= 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider staggering of working hours to limit arrivals or departures at the same time. Staggered welfare breaks and make use of additional facilities as above. Consider disciplinary measures to be introduced for those who fail to observe the social distancing guidelines. The College has a Code of Conduct for COVID – found at:

			<p>distance during their breaks – staff also encouraged to eat outside.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student “households” created in larger blocks to reduce the risk of the virus spreading. ▪ Staff are informed of all those in S.I. or H.S.I. and informed NOT to enter unless in an emergency situation and then PPE should be worn (via COVID List No.5). ▪ Notice given to inhabitants of all visits in line with ANUK (notice period for work). ▪ Introduction of some self-cleaning of offices and student kitchens and bathrooms (students have always cleaned their own rooms). ▪ College meetings are to be mainly conducted by video conferencing but some in person meetings are taking place, many in the gardens or larger meeting rooms. ▪ IT support provided in person by appointment or remotely to minimise contact. ▪ Catering areas strictly closed to anyone not in those teams; kitchen and front of house team working contact areas segregated as far as possible. ▪ Social distancing queuing system being used in all the catering outlets. ▪ Social distancing barriers erected in the Porters’ Lodge to prevent close access to the Duty Porters ▪ Additional perspex screen installed behind the Porters’ Lodge desk (SP desk) (Oct 2020) ▪ From 5 Jan 2021: members of College are being encouraged to chat to fellow Newnham members in the gardens, rather than holding long conversations in narrow corridors. ▪ No meetings in person inside unless absolutely essential and if so must be at 2m and masks worn throughout. Phone calls and teams must become the norm. 			<p>https://newncamacuk.ssharepoint.com/sites/HealthInformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appointments are now operating for the Tutorial Office and additional screens installed in various offices. ▪ Perspex screens have been installed on the Porters’ Lodge Desk (15 June 2020). ▪ High level barriers (on top of the fabric desk dividers) in shared offices have been installed. ▪ 5 Jan – a request for additional perspex screens to be installed in the Porters’ Lodge to separate the Porters working at both the front desk and back desk areas has been made. THIS WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
--	--	--	---	--	--	--

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any 2 person jobs need to be essential and time-limited, agreed in advance with their HOD, with face-coverings and in a well-ventilated area. Humidity monitors x 5 have been purchased to be used to monitor the levels in the main communal spaces (College Hall, café, Buttery, Porters Lodge, Library) as there is some evidence that maintaining relative humidity in the 40%-60% range in indoor spaces could help slow the spread of the COVID. https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/hsph-in-the-news/op-ed-humidity-can-aid-in-the-fight-against-covid-19/ <p>From Monday 17 May 2021: If you are meeting friends and family, you can make a personal choice on whether to keep your distance from them, but you should still be cautious. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within 2 metres). Close contact, including hugging, increases the risk of spreading COVID-19.</p>				
Spread of COVID-19	Visitors / socialising	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<p>From Monday 17 May 2021</p> <p>Inside:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to three visitors in any students room between 6am and 12 midnight, social distanced, and no access to the household kitchen. No overnight visitors. No access to visitors inside any of the other buildings, for example no access to the buttery, café or library. <p>Outside:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may meet with up to five other people from different households OUTSIDE in the College grounds, in a graduate house grounds or elsewhere outside. Two households may also meet outside even if the total number of people is greater than six. However, 2-metre social distancing between members of different households must be maintained. 	1	x 3	= 3	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External visitors must be accompanied at all times by their Newnham host and must use the external entrances to the grounds and not the Porters' Lodge. 				
Spread of COVID-19	Underlying health conditions	Those individuals (students or staff) that are: "clinically extremely vulnerable" CEV or "clinically vulnerable individuals"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has announced that advice to the CEV to shield will cease from 1 April 2021. CEV staff who cannot work from home can therefore return to onsite working from 1 April 2021 onwards, provided that their workplace is COVID-secure and a COVID-19 Risk Assessment completed in advance of the return. The College will discuss individual staff situations and confirm whether staff should continue to work remotely, or to return to working on site, or continue to be furloughed. 	I	x 3	= 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The College will discuss individual staff/student situations and will not make a blanket rule that all must come into work. We must take into account specific duties to those with protected characteristics, including, for example, expectant mothers who are, as always, entitled to suspension on full pay if suitable roles cannot be found.
Spread of COVID-19	Female members of the College of childbearing age.	Those individuals that pregnant, breastfeeding or have given birth within the last six months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The College is required to carry out a separate risk assessment for these individuals. Any risks identified at that point, or later during the pregnancy, in the first 6 months after birth, or while they are still breastfeeding, must be included and managed as part of the general workplace risk assessment. The College are aware that pregnant women from 28 weeks' gestation, or with underlying health conditions at any point of gestation, may be at greater risk of severe illness if they catch coronavirus (COVID-19). This is also the case for pregnant women with underlying health conditions that place them at greater risk of severe illness if they catch coronavirus (COVID-19). 	I	x 3	= 3	

Spread of COVID-19	Provision of Catering	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The College will continue to follow the Food Standard Agency's (FSA) guidance on good hygiene practices in food preparation and their Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes. ▪ The College will stress the importance of more frequent handwashing and maintaining good hygiene practices in food preparation and handling areas. Staff should wash their hands for 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing. ▪ Staff uniforms and aprons will require daily washing. <i>More uniforms/aprons may be required.</i> ▪ Frequently cleaning and disinfecting of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly will be undertaken more frequently than might have been in pre-COVID days. ▪ Signage reminding people of handwashing and social distancing measures will be displayed in all catering areas. ▪ A good queuing system is in place to ensure social distancing in the queue in all the catering outlets. ▪ Hand sanitiser available at entrance of College Hall, Lucia Windsor and the Café. ▪ As per our normal procedures staff that are unwell should not be at work. ▪ Disposable containers and cutlery offered with take away food. ▪ College Hall, the Buttery and the Café (and Café Garden) furniture has been cleared to prevent gatherings and allow for social distancing in these areas when they re-open. ▪ A basic food shop is re-opened on Monday 4 Jan 2020 to aid the residents and staff on duty to purchase key items (also to enable those students that are shielding from having to leave the College in order to get provisions). 	2	x 1	= 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Longer-term, continue to review government and PHE guidance and their impact on collegiate dining norms and the re-opening of the Café. ▪ Social distancing to be investigated in the main College kitchen as more staff return to work – the use of marked floor areas or barriers to be investigated. ▪ Additional plexiglass barriers at the tills and counters (Café and Hall/Buttery) have been installed. ▪ Encourage the use of contactless payments where possible.
--------------------	-----------------------	--	--	----------	------------	------------	--

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of seated SCR lunches in the LWR College Hall resumed on Monday 17 May 2021. No changes are planned from the current arrangements. Take away meals will still be available from the Buttery and socially distancing 1m+ seating will still be available in the College Hall and Iris Café. For catering deliveries – see Deliveries. 				
Spread of COVID-19	Shared equipment/ tools	All staff that have to share equipment / tools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared tools and equipment to be cleaned after each use to minimise the spread of the virus, with special attention to keyboards, fixed phone handsets and printer keypads. Mobile phones noted to be major hand/mouth contact risk – use should not be shared. 	1	x 3	= 3	
Spread of COVID-19	Shared office areas	All academics and staff that have to share office or work areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with new shift patterns in the main admin offices to avoid cross-over between individuals with remote and on-site working. Introduce a self-cleaning regime for those that have to share a space (provide antibacterial wipes/spray as required). Clear signage with guidance needed. All staff and academics returning to work on site are given a set of clear College guidelines on how to work and move around the College with specific information for those in shared offices. 	1	x 3	= 3	
Spread of COVID-19	Teaching and Supervising in offices	All academics that supervise on the College site, either in their office, and those being taught in supervision or meeting rooms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconfigure the seating and tables (where possible) to maintain 1m+ social distance spacing and reduce face-to-face interactions. (Contact the Head HK to assist). If people are supervising more people than can be accommodated 1m+ apart in a room, a larger supervision or meeting room should be booked: conference@newn.cam.ac.uk Holding meetings in well-ventilated rooms whenever possible (open windows, even if the heating is on). <p>From 17 May 2021:</p>	1	x 3	= 3	<p>If an academic regularly has students queuing outside of their office, the College may need to mark the area outside the room with tape to indicate 2 m social distancing.</p> <p>From 5 Jan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bookable meeting and supervision rooms for

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Face to face” teaching can take place in a COVID secure manner. ▪ College rooms can be booked for meetings for up to 6 people (many rooms in use for exams); Old Labs for up to 12 people with social distancing in place. ▪ Marquee can be booked for up to 6 for rehearsals and society meetings (not parties or loud music). ▪ Consider asking your students to wear masks for in-person meetings, but if you do this, the advice is that you also wear a mask. Non-medical masks protect other people from you rather than protecting you from other people. ▪ Arrange meetings and supervisions in such a way that they can be rapidly moved onto Zoom or another video package in case you or one of the students gets symptoms of a cold or anything which might turn out to be COVID-19 ▪ From 5 Jan: Academic staff with own room who cannot work from home can continue to come in to support them in teaching/lecturing remotely and undertaking research. 				<p>academic staff who share rooms, Newnham supervisors and Newnham PGs who supervise so that they can teach remotely from there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These would be booked via the Conference Office and a risk assessment will be required if more than one person present.
<p>NEWNHAM: Teaching will continue to be delivered by the University and the College through online and in- person teaching. Teaching and supervising methods have been and are being adapted to deliver a high quality of teaching whatever the method used. When the Collegiate University is at a ‘yellow’ risk rating, this means we will continue to pursue in-person teaching in a safe manner. Some supervisors will prefer to supervise remotely and anyone may have to self-isolate at any time, student or supervisor. Newnham is continuing to ensure that there are Covid-secure arrangements in supervision rooms and other rooms used for teaching (including those Fellows’ rooms used for supervisions) to support those who teach and learn in person to do so in a safe manner.’</p>							
Spread of COVID-19	Shared staff tearooms	All staff that have to share a tearoom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stagger start and end times and tea break periods to avoid large numbers of people being in the same area at the same time. ▪ Maximum numbers to be posted on the door to each room to ensure social distancing is maintained. ▪ Reconfigure the seating and tables (where possible) to maintain spacing and reduce face-to face interactions. ▪ Provide hand sanitiser in meeting rooms. ▪ Holding staff meetings outdoors or in well-ventilated rooms whenever possible. 	1	x 3	= 3	

Spread of COVID-19	Use of Meeting Rooms, Supervision Rooms and social areas (for example, the JCRs, the MCR and the SCR).	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, SMs and visitors that are allowed to enter these areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maximum numbers to be posted on the door to each room to ensure social distancing is maintained. ▪ Reconfigure the seating and tables for 1m+ social distancing. ▪ Only absolutely necessary participants should attend meetings and should maintain separation throughout. ▪ Avoiding transmission during meetings, for example, avoid sharing pens and or other objects. ▪ Provide hand sanitiser in meeting rooms and self-cleaning equipment. ▪ Holding meetings outdoors or in well-ventilated rooms whenever possible. ▪ Face coverings to be worn unless exempt. ▪ Using remote working tools to avoid in-person meetings. 	1	x 3	= 3	<p>For areas where regular meetings take place, use floor signage to help people maintain social distancing.</p> <p>From 5 Jan 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bookable meeting and supervision rooms for academic staff who share rooms, Newnham supervisors and Newnham PGs who supervise so that they can teach remotely from there. ▪ Student study groups can also book meeting rooms. ▪ These would be booked via the Conference Office and a risk assessment will be required if more than one person present.
Spread of COVID-19	First aid provision	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All first aiders should have access to PPE (face mask; disposable gloves; eye protection). ▪ A COVID First Aid Risk Assessment has been prepared and shared with all College First -Aiders. ▪ CPR/AED: First aiders should not carry out the 'look, listen and feel' procedure to check for normal breathing. Instead, they should simply look for 'the absence of signs of life and the absence of normal breathing'. 	1	x 3	= 3	<p>The Head Porter has sent some information through to the first-aiders re some alternative 2-part exercises to act in lieu ('practical' scenarios via the Resuscitation Council Lifesaver app and theory questions). [N.B. This does</p>

		work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PPE should be worn if possible and compression-only CPR should be carried out until the AED arrives. ▪ Hands should be washed thoroughly afterwards with soap and water or alcohol-based hand gel. ▪ All waste to be double bagged and disposed of via the College Nurse (bio-hazard bags). 				not replace the 2-day Requalification Course].
Spread of COVID-19	Fire Safety	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Normal fire alarm testing to continue as per normal guidelines. ▪ Fire Assembly Points to remain in same locations but people will be asked to spread-out to maintain socially distancing. ▪ In the event of a fire alarm activation all those in College would be expected to evacuate as normal, using their nearest fire escape route. ▪ In the event of a fire alarm activation the Duty Porter would investigate the cause (as per normal) but if entering a student room would be advised to wear a paper mask and gloves and to immediately wash hands afterwards. A list of all rooms in which any students were S.I. or HH will be kept up to date in the Porters Lodge. ▪ Those individuals with PEEPs will need to be reviewed to see if they can be dealt with whilst maintaining social distancing, if not possible PPE will be needed for both the individual with the PEEP and those people assisting them. ▪ “Quiet Fire Drills” took place during MT 2020. 	1	x 3	= 3	The Head Porter prepared a PowerPoint/video which has been sent all students. On the last slide the student has to “click” to send an email to the HP to confirm viewing the whole presentation. Individual HH meetings are to be organised shortly so that the HP can show each HH where their assembly points are and to go over the evacuation and grab bag information. A version of the PP/Video for the staff and Fellows has also been prepared and will be emailed out shortly (Jan 2021) – NOW COMPLETED.
Spread of COVID-19	Manual Handling	Members of staff or students moving items around.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan and assess before lifting, removing any obstructions. Use handling aids or mechanisation where possible so this can be done by one person. ▪ Work within safe limits – know your physical ability and don’t lift more than can easily be managed. 	2	x 1	= 2	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid lifting from floor level, or above shoulder height, especially heavy loads. Adopt a stable position – feet apart with one leg slightly forward to maintain balance; use bent hips and knees rather than fully flexed back. Push rather than pull. Ask for assistance when needed – but full PPE will be required where social distancing cannot be maintained. 				
Spread of COVID-19	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as face masks, gloves and aprons provided for persons required to deal with self-isolating students. College Nurse & Head Housekeeper providing stocks of PPE for essential staff and first aiders. Regular reminders given to staff that wearing of gloves, masks or other PPE is not a substitute for good hand washing or social distancing. 	2	x 1	= 2	
Spread of COVID-19	Use of College Van	Staff that are authorised to use the College Van.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A COVID secure risk assessment has been prepared and shared with all the authorised College van drivers. Regular cleaning of vehicle interiors carried out of shared use vehicle sharing. No passengers are carried unless from the same household. A notice placed in the van to remind users of the rules relating to the carrying of passengers and the regular cleaning of vehicle interior if a shared vehicle. 	2	x 1	= 2	
Vacant buildings / less staff working on site	Compliance maintenance checks and testing	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All mandatory testing and inspections are to carry on and the flushing of the water systems if there if are any empty HH's to prevent legionnaires. During the summer vacation 2021 when more HH's are emptied the water flushing regime will need to recommence in more areas and additional staff from the 	1	x 2	= 2	

		to enter the College site to work.	Housekeeping Department may be called upon to support the maintenance team.				
Spread of COVID-19	Contractors	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members, and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where site visits are required, site guidance on social distancing and hygiene should be explained to visitors on or before arrival. ▪ A template email, highlighting all COVID-Secure measures, has been drawn up and is shared with all contractors or College guests working for the College before arriving on site. ▪ Additional text re the need for taking a LFT before arriving in the College has been added to this contractors/visitors template letter. ▪ Encouraging visits via remote connection/working where this is an option. ▪ Limiting the number of visitors at any one time. ▪ Determine if schedules for essential services and contractor visits can be revised to reduce interaction and overlap between people. ▪ Maintaining a record of all visitors, via the signing in process at the Porters' Lodge. ▪ Maintenance Contractors working within the College are to comply with the College "CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 – STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE" – as shown at the end of this risk assessment. ▪ All contractors attending the College site are to provide the relevant Head of Department with their COVID-19 specific Risk Assessment before beginning works and subsequently to comply with this risk assessment. ▪ Heads of Department are required to have an appropriate level of staff onsite to support and manage any contractors working in the College. 	I	x 3	= 3	

Spread of COVID-19	Delivers to site	Porters Lodge staff and all other staff that accept deliveries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When possible pre-arrange delivery times to minimise person-to-person contact during deliveries and agree drop off points. ▪ Where possible and safe, having single workers load or unload vehicles. ▪ Maintaining social distancing. ▪ Considering methods to reduce frequency of deliveries, for example by ordering larger quantities less often. ▪ All items to be handled wearing gloves or after handling the individual concerned to wash their hands well (at least 20 seconds with hot soapy water). ▪ Discourage all non-College related deliveries. ▪ Items that can be wiped over with antibacterial wipes or washed should be. ▪ All external unnecessary packaging to be removed asap and disposed of to the external bins. <p><u>CATERING DELIVERIES:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The risk of catching the virus that causes COVID-19 from a package that has been moved, travelled, and exposed to different conditions and temperature is also very low. ▪ While food packaging is not known to present a specific risk, efforts should be made to ensure it is cleaned and handled in line with usual food safety practices. ▪ Cleaning should be in line with food hygiene practice and the environmental controls set out in the business' HACCP. ▪ Staff should continue to follow existing risk assessments and safe systems of working. No additional precautions need to be taken. 	1	x 3	= 3	
Spread of COVID-19	Dealing with an outbreak in College	All people who are resident. Staff, Fellows, Senior Members,	An outbreak is hard to define but would be considered 2 or more linked positive cases in different residential households, or 2 or more members of staff in the same department. The College keeps detailed COVID Lists which	2	x 3	= 6	

		and contractors that are allowed to enter the College site to work. Plus all external visitors.	<p>show the different details to ensure “clusters” or a potential outbreak is discovered quickly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COVID List no.1 - is a list of all students in quarantine or requiring catering support due to SI. ▪ COVID List No.2 - is a list of all students in a House-Hold (HH) where House-Hold-Isolation (HHI) is taking place (Re the omicron variant – TBC re the possible change from SI to the use of daily LFTs for the vaccinated). ▪ <i>COVID List No.3 – is a list of student supporters for those in SI or HHI.</i> ▪ COVID List No.4 - is a list of all members of staff or Fellows that are in SI as positive for COVID or as trace contacts. ▪ COVID List No.5 – is a list of College HH’s which is issued to the staff with no personal data shown, but assists the staff to avoid areas where students are in SI or HHI. ▪ COVID List No.6 – is completed in the case of an outbreak to ensure a complete “narrative” is of the incident management. <p>In the event of an outbreak the College would convene it’s “COVID Incident Control Group” chaired by the Principal to manage the outbreak, to liaise with the University COVID Helpdesk and Public Health England and so to investigate the cause and limit exposure to others, whilst supporting those affected.</p>				
Eyesight issues / RSI / other occupational health issues	Display screen equipment and workstation (whether working in College or from home)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Academics and staff risk problems and pain from prolonged use of computers improperly set up, including back injuries, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workstation includes separate keyboard, mouse and display screen. ▪ Workstation is located away from windows to avoid glare. ▪ Ask those working with a display screen to self-assess their workstations - https://www.oh.admin.cam.ac.uk/oh-forms/display-screen-equipment-self-assessment-checklist ▪ Standard light levels are appropriate for office use, and can be controlled further if desired. 	2	x2	= 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Encourage everyone to take regular breaks in which they step away from the computer. ✓ These measures are particularly relevant to those individuals who do not normally work from home, as their

		<p>shoulder injuries and RSI in the wrist and hands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These roles can involve prolonged use of computers. ▪ RSI is made more likely in conjunction with stress, which causes tense muscles. ▪ Headaches or sore eyes can also occur, e.g. if the lighting is poor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Academics and staff that may have to share a computer keyboard, mouse and telephone must introduce a self-cleaning regime between different users (with both the person to last use the equipment to wipe it with an antibacterial wipe and then the next person to use it to clean it with an antibacterial wipe before using it – this is particularly relevant in the Maintenance Department and Porters’ Lodge where the staff do share these facilities on a daily basis. ▪ Stress reduction measures outlined below. 				<p>“office” space may not be ideal:</p>
Eyesight issues / RSI / other occupational health issues	Home-office environment	Academics and staff may become uncomfortable if temperatures are too hot or too cold if rooms are stuffy or noisy. Clutter can form a trip hazard or a fire risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Home offices are likely to have appropriate heating, lighting and ventilation for standard conditions. ✓ Make keyboards, mice and display screens available to those working from home (people can take their office chairs home with them if helpful). ▪ Those working from home may need to store some extra materials at home, but this is unlikely to exceed one box, and should be manageable within the domestic context. 	I	× I	= I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Encourage everyone to follow University guidelines at home ✓ https://www.safety.admin.cam.ac.uk/system/files/hsd116p.pdf ✓ https://www.safety.admin.cam.ac.uk/system/files/hsd161p.pdf
Stress		The current situation is placing a stress on all members of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inform all members of the College on the safeguarding measures, for example, increased cleaning of high contact 	3	×2	= 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be aware of particularly demanding circumstances and

		<p>the College, both personally and professionally.</p> <p>Academics and staff are unable to maintain a clear separation between work and home.</p>	<p>areas and social distancing measures (contained in this risk assessment and the specific departmental procedures).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage open dialogue and feedback on all these measures and work practices. ▪ Email to be checked only during working hours, unless notified of an emergency via phone. ▪ Ensure that academics and staff take full allowance of annual leave. ▪ Regular meetings with line manager, which can be used to address prioritisation, levels of work, and working hours. ▪ Engage with colleagues across the University and in College in their regular social and support events. ▪ Encourage the students, academics and staff to take part in welfare events. 				<p>monitor staff health during these times.</p>
--	--	---	--	--	--	--	---

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 – STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE NEWNHAM COLLEGE MAINTENANCE DEPT & ALL CONTRACTORS



The safety of our staff is of paramount importance. It is essential we follow safe procedures in our work, especially during these unprecedented times.

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to protect you, and those you have contact with, as you go about your work by reducing the risk of exposure to CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19.

For further advice, including on risk assessments, please contact the Buildings Manager, Andy Kite or the Head of Department at Newnham to which you are reporting.

TRAVEL TO SITE – VEHICLES

- The sharing of vehicles is not recommended
- Clean the inside of van cabs with antibacterial wipes at the start and end of every day

WORKING ON SITE

- Agree site attendance (including date and time) and a brief scope of work with your supervisor before attending site.
- Ensure that you work in accordance with **the Lone Working Policy** specifically:
 - keep your mobile phone on you **at all times** to maintain contact with your supervisor
 - contact your supervisor for advice if you feel the conditions at the workplace are in anyway unsafe
- Practise and promote frequent handwashing, or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- Avoid the use of others people's tools and equipment - where this is not possible, regular cleaning of the tools and equipment with an antibacterial wipe should be completed
- Do not congregate in numbers
- **Wash your hands** before eating, drinking, smoking or vaping

SITE EXIT

- Clean all tools at the end of the day
- On leaving the vehicle, clean the outside of the vehicle, including handles and doors, and thoroughly wash your hands for **20 seconds** once indoors
- Ensure you remove any rubbish from the cab that could be harbouring the virus
- Clean any items to be removed from the van such as mobile devices or wallet keys, with antibacterial wipes before taking them into your home

KEY MESSAGES

- **Cough or sneeze into a tissue and dispose of immediately**
- **Wash your hands frequently**
- **If you feel unwell stay at home, avoid social interactions and follow self-isolation guidelines**

RESIDENCES - Reducing the risk of exposure

Reducing the risk of exposure to CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 when attending any occupied residence to carry out emergency work e.g. to deal with a flood or its consequences:

There is a difference between someone who is self-isolating and someone who is unwell. This will need to be a judgement call. Can the person leave the room where the flood has occurred to enable a **minimum two metre separation** to be maintained? In most cases, this should be possible. If not, does the work need to be done? If in doubt, a dynamic risk assessment should be undertaken using a Take 5 checklist (see below).

DYNAMIC RISK ASSESSMENT: Take 5 Safety Checklist

This SOP recognises that there may be a need to carry out a dynamic risk assessment to identify any health and safety hazards before starting work. The following five point procedure is a good guide:



- 1. Stop** – think about the risk of exposure to Covid-19 associated with the job
- 2. Look** – identify any hazards arising from a failure to maintain social distance and hygiene
- 3. Assess** – consider the risk arising from a failure to maintain social distance and hygiene
- 4. Control** – implement suitable control measures to maintain at least a two metre separation and achieve high standards of hygiene
- 5. Monitor** – be vigilant as the work task is undertaken to ensure social distance and hygiene controls are maintained throughout