# **/ RETURNING TO CENTRE**

### What will happen when I come back to centre?

You may have been requested to return back to centre to complete practical activities or exams. This guide has been created to explain what will happen when you return to centre and will outline the measures we have in place to keep you safe.

#### On Arrival

You may be asked to come to a centre at a different time than you are used to. For some activities, we have staggered start times – this is to ensure we do not have an influx of people entering the building at the same time.

You will be told which entrance you should use (this also may be different to your usual entrance point). Once you enter your designated entrance area, sanitise your hands, your temperature will be taken by a member of staff wearing a face mask and gloves. Please do not be alarmed by this – PPE is used to ensure both our staff and students are protected. An infra red thermometer device will be held up to your forehead so the staff member can read your temperature. If your surface temperature reads above 38 degrees, the college reserves the right to stop you from entering the building if there are concerns that you may be unwell.





#### Adjustments in Centres

Perspex screens have been placed at reception areas, you may see additional signage on walls and mats on the floor to hight-light social distancing measures in place. Where possible, there will be a 'one way traffic' system for example, one set of stairs for going up and one set of stairs for going down. This system prevents people having to pass in close proximity, this may vary from centre to centre. Please be mindful of adhering to social distancing measures while in busy areas of the college.

Canteen areas may still be open, though the social distancing rules must be adhered to when using shared spaces. Water machines are still available, with hand sanitiser located by each

one.





In classrooms, desks have been spaced accordingly to allow for 2m social distancing and materials that require physical contact (ie equipment in the clinical skills labs or tools in the dog grooming rooms) will be extensively cleaned throughout the day.

Toilet areas and other areas of high traffic are sanitised by a team of professional cleaners at numerous times during each day.

Once your session has finished, please sanitise your hands and leave the centre via your designated entry/exit point and do not congregate in areas such as the car park or reception area. We must ensure that we are keeping the number of students and staff on site to a minimum at all times.

#### What are my responsibilities?

In order to stop the spread of Covid-19, we must all be mindful of our personal actions. Whilst in centre, you must adhere to our safety measures (such as remaining 2m apart and following the guidelines and procedures in place).



Maintain social distancing



Use hand sanitiser frequently



Wash your hands

regularly



Avoid contact with others



#### Should I wear a face mask/face covering?

With regards to face masks, we are doing our absolute up-most to keep every one safe. Evidence suggests that wearing a face covering will protect others if you are infected but have not yet developed symptoms. With this in mind, when in centre, wearing a face covering or face mask will be required in addition to this, we are providing students with face visors.

Please arrive at centre with your own face mask/covering and visor once you have been given one. We do have some disposable masks should you forget yours.

You may wish to research which face coverings are most effective. You can find more information on the college's VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) under the section 'COVID-19 return to Work/Placement/College' <u>here</u>.

#### Do I need to wear disposable gloves?

Disposable gloves can be used to prevent the transference of the virus on the hands. They are particularly useful when touching contaminated areas of the body or surfaces.

It should be noted that once the gloves come into contact with the contaminant, the gloves become a source of contamination and should not come into contact with anything else.

Removing the contaminated gloves should be done carefully to avoid transfer to hands or other areas of the body. Hands should be thoroughly washed on removal of the gloves, regardless of whether you think you have contaminated your hands or not.

## We must all be mindful of our actions in order to stop the spread of Covid-19. Remember:

- Stay as far away as practically possible from others
- Follow PPE and social distancing measures
- Cover the mouth when clearing throat, coughing or sneezing
- Consider air transfer when exercising, speaking, etc. and turn face away if practical
- Wash hands frequently, particularly after touching face or potentially contaminated surfaces

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