

## Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry: Risk assessment relating to COVID-19

### Risks

1. The key risk is the transmission of COVID-19 between those working in the Department.
2. There is also a risk that those working in the Department will be infected during their journeys to and from work.

### Key steps to mitigate these risks

1. Those with symptoms of COVID-19, or who have received a positive result on a lateral flow test, or who have been instructed to isolate by *NHS Test and Trace* must not come into the Department until their COVID-19 status is clarified by the appropriate tests and/or the required period of isolation has been completed (see below for further details).
2. Members of the Department are required to follow instructions from *NHS Test and Trace*.
3. In public areas and circulation spaces face coverings must be used (unless the person is medically exempt); the only exception is when eating or drinking when seated in the Cyber Café or some other space where eating is normally permitted.
4. In corridors and on stairways, walk on the left in single file and pass quickly.
5. At pinch points (doorways, turnstiles) stand back to allow people to pass.
6. Lifts are only to be use when carrying heavy items or by people who cannot use the stairs
7. Practice social distancing (1 m+) at all times.
8. Wash hands frequently and/or use sanitiser; dry hands with paper towels (not hot air hand dryers)
9. Keep windows open as much as possible to enhance ventilation.
10. An enhanced cleaning and sanitizing regimen will be in place throughout the Department.
11. Individual PIs and line managers will be responsible for setting the rules in their own areas after having completed a risk assessment. This assessment will pay particular attention to ventilation and the maximum occupancy of shared spaces. The maximum occupancy of shared spaces should be indicated on the door.

### Action in the case of suspected infection

1. Those with symptoms of COVID-19 (listed [here](#)), or who have received a positive result on a lateral flow test, should not come into the Department but must immediately request a PCR test according to the procedures advertised on the University website ([link](#)).
2. Those requesting a test must report this by EMAIL to [covid@ch.cam.ac.uk](mailto:covid@ch.cam.ac.uk); the same EMAIL should be used to report the outcome of the test.
3. If the test is positive the subsequent instructions from *NHS Test and Trace* must be followed.
4. If a member of you household tests positive for COVID-19 then you are not necessarily required to self-isolate. Follow this [link](#) for the relevant rules. Nevertheless it is prudent to be aware of the possibility of the infection being passed on in this situation.

### Further personal actions

To further protect us all members of the Department are encouraged to:

1. Take up the offer of vaccination if they feel able to do so.
2. Participate in the Colleges' asymptomatic testing program if it is available to them.
3. If not part of the asymptomatic testing program, undertake regular self-testing using lateral flow tests (details [here](#)).