## **COVID Update for Applicants and Current Students**

## **Dear Students**

## **Update September 2021**

Our approach to Covid-19 is to follow Government guidance and regulations, and to keep all our people safe. We are adapting to the changing world and are making sure that your learning doesn't have to be put on hold. This may mean that teaching could be online or in person, however we will ensure you have access to the highest quality teaching and the best possible student experience.

The following table lays out the Stages of Operations we will move through as the current pandemic roadmap progresses and further announcements are made about the impact of the pandemic on higher education.

Our Stages of Operations illustrate the stages for programme delivery and how things may change in the future (depending on government requirements). Following the most recent announcement September 2021 we are at **Stage 2.** 

Stage	Tuition (All Students)	Postgraduate research students	Facilities and services	Health and safety measures
Stage 1	Full face-to-face teaching in place for all programmes, enhanced by best digital practice. Standard on-campus delivery for all students	N/A	All student and campus services open.	Some measures may remain in line with government and public health guidance.

Stage 2	Blended learning is in place (two-thirds face-to-face, one-third delivered digitally), with face-to-face teaching prioritised for all programmes. All students are provided with a minimum of three hours per week of on-campus learning.	N/A	All student and campus services open.	Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance. Asymptomatic testing for all those coming onto campus is strongly encouraged.
Stage 3	Mix of online and blended learning, prioritising the continuation of faceto-face provision for certain programmes. Opportunities for students on practical programmes to access specialist resources are maximised.	N/A.	Essential services are open, on a reduced hours basis.	Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance. Face coverings must be worn in all indoor settings (unless exemptions apply). Asymptomatic testing for all those coming onto campus is strongly encouraged.
Stage 4	We will provide an increased level of	N/A	Essential services are	Health and safety measures are in

	online learning to retain face-to-face provision for priority courses (eg healthcare and education courses), and in as limited number of situations as possible.		open, on a reduced hours basis.	place, in line with government and public health guidance. Asymptomatic testing for all those coming onto campus is strongly encouraged.
Stage 5	Most teaching provision will be online - only essential in-person teaching will take place on-site.  Return to full lockdown. Campus teaching is restricted to students on PSRB accredited programmes that require face-to-face delivery	N/A	Campus services are delivered digitally. The library is open for pre-booked visits only.	Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance. Asymptomatic testing for all those coming onto campus is strongly encouraged.