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Moving back into your accommodation at the start of the Lent Term

The UK Government guidance for returning for the Lent Term can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-education-reopening-buildings-and-campuses/students-returning-to-higher-education-from-spring-term>

All undergraduate students will be emailed a form to complete to book their arrival time. This must be completed at least a week before their arrival.

Graduates who go away for the Christmas period will also be asked to provide details of when they will be returning.

Students living in the main College building, College houses and Ash Court need to check in at the Porters' Lodge in the main College building. Students living at Swirles Court need to check in at the Swirles Court Porters' Lodge. All returning students must check in at the lodge in order to access their rooms, even if keys were retained over the vacation. Please make sure that you wear a face mask when checking in and maintain a 2 meter social distance from other people. Unfortunately, although you can be dropped off at the College we will only be able to have students within households so you need to take your own belongings etc. to your rooms.

Government guidance is currently for students to return as close to the start of face to face teaching as possible and also to stagger returns. We would suggest that you plan to arrive from the 9th January although it is possible to return earlier. This is so that there is time between the period over Christmas when bubbles are allowed to mix and students returning. This will hopefully reduce the number of Covid cases in College. In line with government guidance, in person teaching will commence from the 25th January.

Pool testing will start on Tuesday 19th January for Girton students. If you are arriving earlier than that date you can book a university test from the 11th January until the 14th January by emailing covidtest@girton.cam.ac.uk

People arriving from certain countries are required to quarantine (self-isolate) for 10 days when they enter the country.

All students need to be careful when they are returning to their households and try to maintain social distancing with their housemates until after their first negative test result. Students returning from tier 3 and 4 areas should be especially careful.

Cleaning levels will be reduced within Households from the 9th to 19th January when the first pool testing takes place to protect students and staff.

Quarantining

If students are required to quarantine due to the country they are travelling from / through they will be given full support by the College. The full quarantine policy is available on our website at:

<https://www.girton.cam.ac.uk/covid19/advice-for-students>

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Details about who is required to quarantine (self-isolate) on their arrival to England can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors> . The government updates the list on the basis of rising and decreasing levels of infection so please keep checking the list. Please remember to consider countries you are travelling through as well as your starting point. You can get the page to email you updates as the list changes.

If you are required to quarantine, as far as possible you will be accommodated in your term time room. You will be able to use a designated bathroom, and use the shared kitchen following social distancing and hygiene protocols. You must stay 2 metres from other people, wear a mask outside of your room and clean any communal surfaces that you come into contact with. Please make sure that you wash your hands regularly.

You will not be allowed to leave your Household and will need to keep to your own room as much as possible.

If you develop symptoms you need to follow the self-isolation information below.

Quarantine is usually for 10 days, however through the new test and release system, after 5 days quarantining students can take a private test at their own expense and if this is negative they no longer have to quarantine. A copy of the test result will need to be emailed to covidtest@girton.cam.ac.uk

Please remember that anyone else travelling with you who is coming from a country which requires you to quarantine, will also have to follow the quarantine rules so will not be able to leave the place they are staying once they have checked in, either until they are leaving or for the required quarantine period.

Further information about Accommodation and Covid is available at:

<https://www.girton.cam.ac.uk/covid19/advice-for-students>