

This is a code for safer teaching and learning on campus. It will be updated according to current advice from LSE and UK Government on COVID-19 and is part of the LSE Conditions of Registration. This code will also be discussed with students at inductions and/or during the first on-campus sessions of courses.

This Code comprises part of the suite of temporary rules and regulations the School is putting in place for the 2021-22 academic year to ensure a safe learning and social experience for students. It provides further guidance and details on how, as a responsible member of the LSE community, you are expected to conduct yourself in order to help maintain your community's health. The Code provides for safer teaching on campus and will be updated according to current advice and guidance from the LSE and the UK Government. Class, seminar, and Harvard Style-lecture teachers will also discuss it with you in the first session of a course.

You should note that by agreeing to be bound by the Conditions of Registration and its 2021-22 Addendum during, or prior to, the registration and re-registration processes, you also agreed to abide by this Code. As such, being in breach of the Code is potentially a disciplinary matter and will be taken seriously by the School.

We note that you may be exempt from wearing a face covering because of health or disability related reason; however, staff may ask you to show that you have registered your exemption with the School. If you require further specific advice and guidance on how to do this as an LSE student, please see the <u>Student Wellbeing Service website</u>.

Remember, all staff at LSE are working hard to keep you and others safe - please be respectful to our colleagues on campus and in halls.

## **Our Code**

LSE is committed to building a vibrant, equitable and truly inclusive environment in which staff and students from all over the world come together.

To keep our campus **open** we have to keep it **safer and COVID-secure**. This code aims to join LSE teachers and students together in achieving this aim. It covers the relationships between teachers and students in particular, but also includes all LSE staff students may come into contact with including cleaners, security, staff in halls of residences and all professional services staff.

We will **care and respect** our campus community by following LSE health and safety guidance to look after ourselves and others.

We will **not stigmatise** people if they become unwell from COVID-19 and we will not spread rumours about the health of others

We will **follow COVID-safer learning** practices in the classroom. These practices include safe queuing and entering and wearing masks (unless medically exempted).

I, the student, understand that I can **reach out for support** from my academic mentor, department, residence wardens, Student Wellbeing Services, and the Safe Contacts if I am affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, breaches of health and safety guidelines or harassment.

https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/what-if/experienced-harassment https://info.lse.ac.uk/Making-a-choice/Report-an-incident

# **Ensuring health for all**

### If I experience COVID-19 symptoms I will:

- Isolate myself from contact with others and get tested (via LSE or the National Health Service), even if I am only experiencing minor symptoms
- Immediately contact LSE, via the LSE Trace online form at <a href="www.lse.ac.uk/trace">www.lse.ac.uk/trace</a> and department contact
- Follow guidance from LSE Trace, our School's current trace and isolate programme. This
  includes completing the weekly Wellness Check-in sent to you via email, reporting COVID19 symptoms via the online form at <a href="https://www.lse.ac.uk/trace">www.lse.ac.uk/trace</a> and registering your seat number
  in your teaching room, if required.
- Follow all the current UK Government and LSE instructions on quarantine, isolation and contact tracing
- Cooperate with messages and calls from contact tracers and answer questions about contacts completely and honestly.

#### To ensure the safety of myself and others I will:

- Undertake twice weekly Covid tests and register the results with the NHS.
- Ensure the tests results as confirmed by NHS via email/text, are ready to show at the entrances of LSE buildings and comply with the requests of LSE Security staff who are responsible for monitoring the School's test to enter procedure.

- Acknowledge that upon entry into any LSE building, I may be asked at random to present
  my covid test status by LSE Security staff and to cooperate in this monitoring activity.
- Wear a mask (except if medically exempted). This is *required* for students in all teaching and learning spaces and lifts, and where prolonged contact is likely between students and staff in enclosed spaces, such as, during one-to-one tutoring or advice sessions (including at the Student Services Centre). The only exception to this is if the staff member in the one-to-one setting is content for you not to wear a mask; however, you may still wear a mask if you choose to do so. Wearing a mask in all other campus buildings and settings is strongly recommended for everyone,
- Follow the guidelines for dining safely indoors and outdoors.
- Consider receiving free COVID-19 vaccines from LSE, the NHS, or my doctor if I am not
  yet fully vaccinated. This is not mandatory; however, you are strongly encouraged to get
  fully COVID-19 vaccinated
- Consider, when available, receiving, a free flu vaccine from LSE, a pharmacy that offers this service, or my doctor. This is not mandatory; however, you are strongly encouraged to get a flu vaccine.
- Follow all health and safety practices required or recommended by LSE, such as frequent hand-washing and hand sanitising
- Follow current UK government guidance about quarantine or testing requirements
- Seek accommodations, such as an approved mask wearing exemption, from the Disability and Well-being Service if I am unable to follow LSE or the UK government's procedures
- Agree to follow guidelines issued by the UK government, when applicable.

# To ensure mutual respect I will:

- Discuss the COVID-19 illness of others if, and only if, I have their explicit permission to speak to LSE staff and students about it.
- Stop and ask before assuming people are not following health and safety guidance. There are some people who for medical and other reasons are exempted from this.
- Not spread rumours about the illness of others
- Support others if they are unwell with COVID-19, as I would hope to be supported by them in turn.
- Responsibly and politely comply with the requests of LSE Security staff employed to maintain a covid-secure campus.



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