**Self-Isolation Guide**

**Please note:** This guide was first published on 8th September 2020, it has been significantly revised and updated since then in line with government guidelines. This version is dated 15 December 2020. Please do continue to refer back to the website for the latest version and most up to date advice.

**Government Advice**

Welcome to St Cross College! Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, as a student arriving from outside the UK, you may be required to ‘self-isolate’ for **10 days** upon your arrival to the UK. When you are in self-isolation/quarantining you should **NOT** be leaving your household unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. The UK has increased penalties and introduced significant fines, up to £10,000, for those failing to self-isolate. This includes those living in College accommodation: if you are on the main site, for example, you must remain in your household accommodation during self-isolation, and not move around the whole site.


From 15th December, the government introduced the Test to Release for International Travel scheme for people who need to self-isolate on arrival in England. Under the scheme you can choose to pay for a private COVID-19 test. If the result is negative, you can stop self-isolating. The earliest you can take the test is 5 full days after you left a place not on the travel corridor list. Please refer to the government [Test to Release page](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors) for full details about this scheme.

This document includes contacts and information to help you stay safe during your 10-day isolation (please note that the College is not formally affiliated with any of the private businesses mentioned).

Please do continue to refer to the [https://www.stx.ox.ac.uk/st-cross-college-covid-19-changes](https://www.stx.ox.ac.uk/st-cross-college-covid-19-changes) page which will be updated regularly with new information.

### St Cross College Contacts

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<td>Other Medical Needs</td>
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<td>IT/Technical/Wi-Fi issues</td>
<td>Marcin Zajac, IT Officer Sean Sirur, Student IT Assistant</td>
<td><a href="mailto:itsupport@stx.ox.ac.uk">itsupport@stx.ox.ac.uk</a></td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Maintenance issues with your room/flat</td>
<td>Kenny Cox, Estates Manager</td>
<td><a href="mailto:estates.manager@stx.ox.ac.uk">estates.manager@stx.ox.ac.uk</a></td>
<td>01865278485</td>
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<td>Issues related to your tenancy</td>
<td>Lara Summerhill, Accommodation Officer</td>
<td><a href="mailto:accommodation@stx.ox.ac.uk">accommodation@stx.ox.ac.uk</a></td>
<td>01865278488</td>
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<td>Other assistance at the College site</td>
<td>Porters’ Lodge</td>
<td><a href="mailto:porters@stx.ox.ac.uk">porters@stx.ox.ac.uk</a></td>
<td>01865278490</td>
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<td>Questions regarding</td>
<td>Suzy Hodge, Domestic</td>
<td><a href="mailto:domestic.bursar@stx.ox.ac.uk">domestic.bursar@stx.ox.ac.uk</a></td>
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Self-Isolating in a Shared Household

While you are living in Oxford, you and those with whom you live with and/or share facilities such as a kitchen and a bathroom will constitute your household. Generally, but not always, each household in St Cross accommodation will consist of about 6 to 8 people. If you are in St Cross accommodation, you will be provided with contact details of your household when you arrive. You will not be considered to have formally joined your household until AFTER your period of self-isolation, and those in your household do not need to self-isolate on your arrival (unless they too have recently travelled from a non-exempt country OR begin showing COVID-19 symptoms).

If any member of your household develops COVID-19 symptoms, all members of the household should self-isolate until a test can be performed and the result is known. If any member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, all members of the household should self-isolate for an additional 10 days. If this is the case, whether you are in College, University, or private housing, please contact the College as soon as possible so you can receive additional support.

The University has a dedicated, free COVID-19 testing service in place to help students who show symptoms get easy access to a COVID-19 test. There are testing sites in central Oxford and in Headington, and from 9th September you can book a test online at www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus/health/covid-testing. Results will be available within 24 hours.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms and require a COVID-19 test, please remember to use the University’s COVID-19 Early Alert Testing Service. University staff and students should use this service rather than the NHS service to ensure that the local community can continue to access tests through the NHS. By using the University service we are also alerted about your test so that we can provide any support that you may need. If for any reason you do use the NHS Testing service (or any other provider) and receive a positive COVID-19 test result, please complete this form. We would also like to remind all students that they should be registered with a GP (doctor) in Oxford and this is particularly important at this time. If you need details about registering for GP, please find this on our website.

For most students living in St Cross Accommodation in a shared household, shared spaces such as kitchens will be available to non-isolating members of the household as normal. While you are self-isolating, please avoid contact with others as much as possible; you can only use the kitchen and other necessary shared areas when they are not being used by others.

If you are in not staying in St Cross accommodation you should contact your landlord for advice and guidance about self-isolating.

Food & Meals during Self-Isolation

In St Cross accommodation you will be able to use the shared kitchen, when no-one else in your household is doing so. You will need to thoroughly clean the area both before and after use. To help you during self-isolation and before you become familiar with UK food, you may wish to consider bringing some food with you, as long as you adhere to the UK regulations for bringing food into the UK: https://www.gov.uk/bringing-food-animals-plants-into-uk/food.

In Oxford there are a number of services that can be used to deliver food to your accommodation. We would particularly like to draw your attention to one of our College suppliers, Alden’s Meat master: https://meatmaster.info/meatmaster-shop/ They are able to supply fruit and veg boxes, everyday essentials, meat,
and even some ready meals. You do need to spend £60 to get delivery, so we suggest that you work as households and order together.

Of course, most UK supermarkets also offer a delivery service, and please don’t be shy in asking your fellow household members/friends who aren’t self-isolating to pop out to the shops for you whilst you are unable to. If you are really struggling to get food and supplies during self-isolation, please contact events@stx.ox.ac.uk and we will do our best to help you.

You can of course also order takeaway food using sites such as UberEats, Deliveroo and JustEast. Please remember that whilst you are self-isolating you should not collect deliveries yourself. Please ask someone who is not self-isolating to collect things for you, if it is being delivered to the main site and the Porters Lodge.

**We are now able to offer a takeaway lunch service** for those who are self-isolating on the main site. Lunch is available from Monday to Friday when the kitchen is open. Bookings for lunch need to be made in advance, and are open from 8.30am – 1pm. To order a lunch for Monday, you will need to book on a Friday. The cost of lunch will be charged to your College Battels Account.

To book a takeaway, please use the normal Meal Booking System (new students will have received an email with login-details) and in the ‘additional information’ section type ‘Takeaway’. You will be able to provide your dietary requirements at the time of booking. You will need to ask a student who is not self-isolating to collect your takeaway and bring it to your room at the time slot you have booked for.

**Supermarkets that Deliver in Oxford**

A number of nearby supermarkets can delivery groceries and/or basic medical necessities to most addresses around Oxford, including all College accommodation. These will need to be booked well in advance as delivery slots get booked up.

- Tesco: [https://www.tesco.com/groceries/](https://www.tesco.com/groceries/)
- Sainsbury’s: [https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/shop/gb/groceries/discoverhome/shopping-online/delivery](https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/shop/gb/groceries/discoverhome/shopping-online/delivery)
- Waitrose: [https://www.waitrose.com/ecom/shop/browse/groceries](https://www.waitrose.com/ecom/shop/browse/groceries)
- Co-op: [https://www.coop.co.uk/ways-to-shop/home-delivery](https://www.coop.co.uk/ways-to-shop/home-delivery)
- Iceland: [https://www.iceland.co.uk/book-delivery](https://www.iceland.co.uk/book-delivery) (accepts Paypal)
- Ocado: [https://www.ocado.com/webshop/](https://www.ocado.com/webshop/) (accepts Paypal)

**Local food deliveries in Oxford**

There are a number of small local businesses that offer delivery in Oxford.

- Alden's - [https://meatmaster.info/](https://meatmaster.info/) - meat, fish and fruit and vegetables, catering wholesaler. Only deliver orders over £60 in value, however, so we recommend order together in households. Delivers during the day (can specify day). Free delivery. Meat, fish, fruit and vegetables (including boxes), eggs, some other items. Payment in advance through BACS (i.e. online banking).
- Milk & More - [www.milkandmore.co.uk](http://www.milkandmore.co.uk) Includes dairy produce (milk, cream, yogurt, eggs, some cheese), fruit juices and other soft drinks, bacon and sausages, some pasta, fruit and vegetables (boxes and some individual items), bread and cereals, some household goods. Payment in advance through BACS (i.e. online banking). Delivers and leaves on your doorstep in the early morning so NOT SUITABLE for those in College accommodation/shared accommodation.
- Bonner’s - [https://www.bonnersoxford.shop/](https://www.bonnersoxford.shop/) - greengrocer in the covered market, also delivering goods from other covered market stores. Delivers next day (if order placed by midday). Standard delivery charge of £3. Deliveries are during the working day. Fruit and vegetables, cheese (from specialist cheesemonger), some bread and pastries, artisan pies, flowers, coffee, some household items. Payment after delivery (at least if getting fruit and veg) through BACS (i.e. online banking).
Restaurant Delivery
Oxford is filled with restaurants serving delicious food from all around the world. Many of these restaurants offer delivery to most addresses in Oxford. You can find delivery information on specific restaurants’ websites or through delivery services such as Deliveroo (https://deliveroo.co.uk/), JustEat (https://www.just-eat.co.uk/) and UberEats (https://www.ubereats.com/gb/).

Pharmacy/Chemist Delivery
Several pharmacies also offer delivery service for basic medical items and/or prescriptions (see the ‘College Doctor’ section below on how you can get a prescription filled if you need one during self-isolation).

- Boots: https://www.boots.com/online/pharmacy/
- Lloyd’s Pharmacy: https://lloydspharmacy.com/blogs/prescriptions/prescription-delivery
- Woodstock Road Chemist: http://www.woodstockroadchemist.co.uk/
- Cowley Pharmacy: https://www.cowleypharmacy.co.uk/
- Oxford Online Pharmacy: https://www.oxfordonlinepharmacy.co.uk/delivery-information
- Pharmacy2U: https://www.pharmacy2u.co.uk/prescriptions/electronic-prescription-service-nhs

The College Doctor
If you have not done so already, please register for a local GP (general practitioner) online at http://www.campusdoctor.co.uk/oxford/. Your GP will provide your basic medical needs while in Oxford, including check-ups, consultations, prescriptions, and referrals for specialised treatment. The GP affiliated with St Cross College is Dr Leaver and Partners, which is a ten-minute walk from the College. You can download and/or submit registration forms from https://www.leaverandpartnersjericho.nhs.uk/new-patients.aspx. If you know you will need a prescription filled and delivered before your self-isolation period is over, please contact the practice as soon as possible (01865311234).

For any medical emergencies, please dial 999 immediately. Any non-urgent questions can be directed to the College doctor or by calling the NHS hotline at 111.

Wi-Fi
As a student at the University of Oxford, you should have access to the ‘eduroam’ Wi-Fi service, which is available at all College accommodation sites, as well as most buildings associated with the University. To access eduroam, you should have set up your Single Sign On (SSO), Remote Access Account, and the eduroam Configuration Assistance Tool before you arrived. If you have not completed these steps, or if you have, but eduroam is still not working properly, you will need to contact IT services.

Getting a UK Phone Number
Many online delivery services require a local phone number to create an account or to make deliveries. To avoid complications, it may be helpful to get a working local phone number when you arrive, whether through purchasing a new phone with a mobile network provider or by getting a local SIM card and paying for a SIM-only plan. A number of businesses offer delivery of mobile phones and/or free SIM cards (some include free delivery), which can be set up with mobile service through monthly or pay-as-you-go plans. Here are several companies offering this service in Oxford:

- giffgaff: https://www.giffgaff.com/free-sim-cards
- EE: https://shop.ee.co.uk/
- Vodafone: https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/
- Lycamobile: https://www.lycamobile.co.uk/
- Three: http://www.three.co.uk/

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Accessing Library Collections
With your Oxford University Single Sign On (SSO) you have access to SOLO (Search Oxford Libraries Online) which grants you access to over 1.4 million e-books and over 100,000 digital journal titles: http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/. You can also use their ‘Scan and Deliver’ tool, which enables you to obtain scans of book chapters or journal articles from the Bodleian Libraries’ print collections: https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/using/scan-and-deliver. Whilst you are self-isolating you will not be able to collect items yourself.

Entertainment
You can stream movies and/or television from a number of services available in the UK, including Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, NowTV, Disney+, BritBox, Sky Go, AppleTV, and Channel 4. We also invite you to explore the YouTube channels and social media accounts of the University and some of its teams and Institutions, such as the Museum of Natural History, the Bodleian Libraries, and much more.

Please note that, in the UK, to watch or record live programmes on a TV, computer or other device, requires a TV license, which costs £157.50 per year. Most non-live streaming services do not require a TV license, but there are exceptions (for example, BBC iPlayer does require you to have a TV license). If you are unsure if this applies to you, please find additional details at www.gov.uk/tv-licence.