

# Guidance for Participants 2021

## On-Campus Covid-19 Policy

This document was last updated on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Immerse Education is working closely with our host colleges at Cambridge and Oxford University to ensure that all participants and staff are kept as safe as possible whilst following UK official advice and legislation.

The UK government's guidance surrounding Covid-19 is subject to change at short notice, which may result in updates from Immerse Education.

This document is designed to provide participants with a better understanding of what to expect this summer during their stay in Cambridge or Oxford.

### TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

The UK government has introduced a "traffic light" system for international arrivals from all countries around the world. Each nation has been categorised as either green, amber or red. An up-to-date list can be viewed [here](#), and the UK government will update this list every three weeks (7<sup>th</sup> June & 28<sup>th</sup> June).

Measure	Green Country	Amber Country	Red Country
Passenger Locator Form	✓	✓	✓
Pre-Departure Test	✓	✓	✓
Hotel Quarantine	✗	✗	10 Days
Test to Release	✗	On Day 5	✗
PCR Testing*	On or before day 2	On or before day 2	On or before day 2
Additional PCR Testing	✗	Day 8	Day 8

### PASSENGER LOCATOR FORM & PRE-DEPARTURE TEST

All international participants must complete a passenger locator form with 48 hours of their travel to the UK, as well as organise their own pre-departure test.

### "TEST TO RELEASE"

Under this scheme, travellers can choose to pay for a private Covid-19 test. If the test result is negative, you can end your quarantine.

[Click here to view more information on the UK government's website.](#)

Subject to availability and for an additional fee, we can provide students from amber countries with accommodation for the five days before their programme is due to start.

[Click here for more information and to book Immerse's Test To Release service.](#)

### PCR TESTING

**\*Important** - international participants are responsible for booking their own PCR test. This cannot be organised by Immerse Education. Our staff will be available to assist with the testing and post completed tests in the mail on behalf of students.

In the event of a positive test, participants must inform us as soon as possible.

### PARTICIPANTS ALREADY IN THE UK

Students already based in the UK will not be required to organise their own PCR test. However, they will have to take a rapid lateral flow test on arrival.

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### **ON-SITE TESTING**

All students and staff will be required to take a rapid lateral flow test on arrival and during their time on the programme. Students will have to administer their own tests but our staff will be available to assist.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

All students will be placed in single bedrooms, that receive enhanced cleaning before and during a participant's stay. Shared spaces such as bathrooms, staircases and hallways will undergo regular deep cleaning.

We cannot provide twin bedroom accommodation this year, but please let us know if you would like to be housed close to a friend or relative on the programme.

### **CLASSROOMS & COMMON AREAS**

All shared spaces such as classrooms, offices and common rooms will undergo regular deep cleaning by the host college's staff.

Hand sanitiser will be made readily available throughout the college and participants will be encouraged to regularly wash their hands.

### **EXCURSIONS**

Participants take part in two excursions during the programme (on the middle Saturday and Sunday). Subject to regulations, social distancing may be required on the private coach, but otherwise the trip itineraries (consisting of walking tours) should not be impacted.

### **INSURANCE**

All Immerse students automatically receive programme insurance provided by Endsleigh Insurance.

The insurance policy excludes cancellation/curtailment costs due to Covid-19. However, participants from red list unable to travel due to Covid-19 are protected by Immerse Education's own travel refund policy.

The insurance policy does cover hospitalisation and/or medical costs due to Covid-19, as well as any expense incurred from having to extend the stay due to a mandatory quarantine.

[Click here to view more information about the programme insurance.](#)

Participants may organise their own separate travel insurance should they wish.

### **POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS**

In the event of a positive test, we will follow the steps advised by the UK government:

- Mandatory quarantine in a bedroom
- All meals delivered to the bedroom
- Immediate quarantine and testing of others who have been in contact with the person
  - Anyone who returns a negative test will not have to continue quarantine

If a student is required to quarantine whilst classes are going on, every effort will be made to ensure that they are able to remotely join classes so they do not miss out.

Our pastoral team will also conduct regular pastoral visits to quarantined students to check up on them.

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### TESTING POSITIVE AND EXTENDING STAY BEYOND PROGRAMME DATES

In the event a participant tests positive for Covid-19 and is required to quarantine, we will continue to provide accommodation and meals throughout the period.

Any additional costs for this (including the extended stay as well as changing travel arrangements) will be covered by the insurance policy.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

If a participant is due to travel within 28 days from a red list country but is unable (due to the mandatory quarantine), they will be eligible for a full refund including the usually non-refundable deposit.

Red list participants will not be eligible for a refund until 28 days before their start date.

Alternatively, it is possible to postpone the programme to summer 2022 or transfer to an online programme.

Students due to arrive within 28 days of their start date from amber list countries wishing to cancel will not be eligible for a full refund, but instead will be offered, where possible, to postpone their arrival to later in the summer, defer to summer 2022, transfer to an online programme or take part in our 5-day "test to release" service.

Participants based in the UK or arriving from green list countries are expected to attend as planned, and our standard [terms and conditions](#) apply if cancelling.

### GENERAL SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS

The UK government has announced it intends due to remove social distancing and lockdown measures on 19 July 2021.

However, in the event this guidance changes or it is deemed appropriate at the time, there may be some measures in place at the time of the programme such as:

- Requirement to wear face masks in public locations
- Social distancing requirements in classrooms or common areas
- One way systems throughout the college
- Activities designed to minimise close contact between participants
- Any other measures required by the college

### USEFUL LINKS

Official guidance is subject to change, and whilst we will provide participants with updates as appropriate, we strongly recommend all participants check the status

- [UK Government Coronavirus Homepage](#)
- UK Government's "[Roadmap Out Of Lockdown](#)"
- [Data & Insights on Covid-19 in the UK](#) (Updated Daily)
- [Test to Release Scheme](#) (For Amber Countries)
- [Approved PCR Test Providers](#)
- [Passenger Locator Form](#)
- [Check If You Need A Visa To The UK](#)
- [List of Red, Amber & Green Countries](#)