

COVID-19 Guidelines

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At Tyndale House we are committed to fostering an evangelical research community, and to do so as safely as is reasonably possible. We recognise that members of the Tyndale House community will have different views on the relative risks of COVID19 and the relative benefits of measures meant to mitigate it. Bearing all these factors in mind, we've decided upon the following course of action:

1. COVID-19 Symptoms and Self-Isolation

If you test positive for COVID-19 and you have been on the Tyndale House site in recent days, please inform us by e-mailing covidreport@tyndalehouse.com or calling either Simon Sykes (01223 566604) or Ayi Jihu (01223 566601).

In addition to the [UK Government guidance](#), we ask that you do not enter the Tyndale House site if any of the below apply:

- a. If you test positive for COVID-19.
- b. If you have been a close contact with someone who have tested positive for COVID-19.
- c. If you or a member of your household is unwell with the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild.

If any of the above apply, please do not enter the Tyndale House site* until you have taken a PCR test and tested negative for COVID-19. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. You can order a [free PCR test kit](#) to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site.

**If you are resident on site, please do not leave your residential accommodation until you have taken a PCR test and tested negative for COVID-19.*

2. Rapid Lateral Flow Tests

About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 don't have symptoms but can still infect others, and even if you're vaccinated, there's still a chance you can pass COVID-19 on. We therefore encourage all staff, residents and readers to take a [free Rapid Lateral Flow COVID-19 test](#) twice a week (every 3 to 4 days). **Please note:** Lateral Flow test should only be used if you do not have any COVID-19 symptoms. If you do have symptoms, please stay at home and get a [free PCR test](#) instead.

3. Handwashing

Last but not least, regular hand washing is an effective way to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19. We therefore ask that you wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser upon entering the site, as well as regularly throughout the day.

4. Signing into the Library

While we are no longer required by law to keep a record of anyone who is present in the building, **we still ask that you continue to tick the sign-in-sheet** located on the Library Door so that we can warn you if anyone working at Tyndale House has become unwell.

5. Fresh Air – Meet outdoors when you can

Meeting outdoors vastly reduces the risk of airborne transmission of COVID-19 and we therefore intend to hold Chapel and coffee time in the garden throughout the autumn and winter. While our common rooms are available for readers to meet and eat their lunch, we hope that everyone will do so outdoors whenever possible. Gazebos will be installed in the garden to facilitate this.

If meeting indoors or when sat at your desk, please open windows to let in fresh air and improve the airflow. Please take great care to shut any windows when you leave the room/your desk.

6. Social distancing and Face Masks

We recognise both the God-given expressiveness of the face in human interaction, and yet that face masks may play a role in limiting the spread of COVID-19. While it is no longer required, **we would encourage those on site to be aware of the sensitivity of others and wear a face mask or meticulously observe social distancing.**

In order to facilitate distancing, we will have relatively low maximum occupancy numbers for our communal rooms:

Room	Max. No.	To be used by/when
Upper Hex	20	Readers any time
Dining and Common Room (combined)	20	Readers any time
Bishop John Taylor Room	8	- Staff use only (pre-booked) - Coffee times, if coffee is served inside
<i>Please note: On occasions these rooms may be required for meetings and not be available.</i>		

7. Residents' use of the site

We appreciate that our residents under certain circumstances would like to be able to use the Upper Hex and Common Room outside our office hours. We are now happy to allow this, though we would still strongly encourage you to meet outdoors whenever possible.

The permission to use our common rooms is subject to our guidance and limitation on numbers being followed. We will also require that the rooms are hoovered, used surfaces wiped and furniture returned to its original position after use.

Please get in touch with bente.sw@tyndalehouse.com if you have any questions/queries. We thank you for your continued patience and understanding at this time.