

COVID-19 Guidelines and Requirements

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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 COVID-19 and the relative benefits of measures meant to mitigate it. Bearing all these factors in mind, we have decided upon the following course of action:

1. COVID-19 Symptoms and Self-Isolation

a. If you test positive for COVID-19, please:

- i. Follow the legal requirements for self-isolation and testing set out by the [UK Government](#), including taking a [free PCR test](#).
- ii. Inform us if you have been on the Tyndale House site in recent days prior to testing positive for COVID-19, by e-mailing covidreport@tyndalehouse.com or calling either Simon Sykes (01223 566604) or Ayi Jihu (01223 566601).
- iii. Do not enter the Tyndale House site until the UK Government's legal requirements for self-isolation and testing have been fulfilled, you are symptom free, have taken a [free Rapid Lateral Flow COVID-19 test](#) and tested negative for COVID-19.

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

- i. Please follow the legal requirements for self-isolation and testing set out by the [UK Government](#), including taking a [free PCR test](#).
- ii. Please do not enter the Tyndale House site until the [UK Government's](#) legal requirements for self-isolation and testing have been fulfilled, you are symptom free, have taken a [free Rapid Lateral Flow COVID-19 test](#) and tested negative for COVID-19. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

2. Take Regular Rapid Lateral Flow COVID-19 Tests

Even if you are vaccinated and have no COVID-19 symptoms, there is still a chance you can pass COVID-19 on to others. We are therefore strongly encouraging readers, residents and staff to take a [free Rapid Lateral Flow COVID-19 test](#) at least twice during the working week. **Please note:** as per UK Government Guidelines, Rapid Lateral Flow tests 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 as outlined under point 1b.

3. Fresh Air – Open windows and meet outside whenever possible

Fresh air and good ventilation can vastly reduce the risk of airborne transmission of COVID-19. Chapel, prayer meetings and coffee time will therefore continue to take place in the garden whenever possible, and **we ask that windows are being opened in the library and common rooms when used**. Blankets have been provided for each desk in the library to facilitate this. For security reasons, please do take

great care to shut any windows when you leave the room/your desk and if you see any empty rooms with windows open.

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 have been installed in the garden to facilitate this. The permission to use our common rooms is subject to our guidance and limitation on numbers being followed, and we ask that furniture is returned to its original position after use.

Coffee time will be suspended from 13th December 2021 and restart in the New Year. Further information will be provided in our weekly news email in January.

4. Handwashing

Regular hand washing can be 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.

5. 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. We would encourage those on site to be aware of the sensitivity of others and wear a face mask or meticulously observe social distancing.

As of Monday 13th December, we would also ask that you wear a face mask when attending indoors gatherings, such as prayer meetings and Chapel.

Our communal rooms have relatively low maximum occupancy numbers to facilitate social distancing:

| 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) |
| <i>Please note: On occasions these rooms may be required for meetings and not be available.</i> | | |

6. Signing into the Library

Please 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.

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 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.

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