



Birmingham International Student Homes

Covid-19 Policy

BISH aims to ensure that our premises are as safe as they can practically be, both for the people that live with us and for our staff and visitors alike. We take this responsibility seriously and this Covid-19 policy is intended to sit alongside our other health and safety policies.

We request that all those that live or work in a BISH property to follow the guidelines laid out below diligently and fully observe all government guidance in relation to Covid-19 to help us maintain a safe and healthy environment for the benefit of all.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all those that live or work at either Asbury Overseas House or Wesley International House. It also applies to visitors or any of the contractors or suppliers that may have reason to enter the houses.

Residents and staff have been requested (with regular reminders) to inform a member of the management team immediately should they feel they may be showing any of the following symptoms.

- **A high temperature**
- **A new, continuous cough**
- **A loss or change to their usual sense of smell or taste**

Contractors and other visitors to both BISH premises are requested to

- **Wash their hands on arrival**
- **Follow the usual hygiene practices with regards to coughing and sneezing**
- **Maintain safe social distancing**
- **Adherence to government guidance in relation to Covid-19**

Any BISH staff returning to work after furlough will receive a risk assessment relating to Covid-19 and on the first day of their return will be provided with induction and training on issues such as effective handwashing and the use and safe disposal of PPE. BISH will provide disposable gloves, aprons, masks, visors and hand sanitiser for staff use.

Staff have access to portable barriers to ensure they are able to maintain a 2 meter safe working distance between themselves and residents and visitors to the houses. Residents have been asked to respect this safe distance between themselves and staff.

Both houses have all communal facilities cleaned daily (Monday to Friday) including communal kitchens, bathrooms, showers and toilets and shared communal areas. We have created a rota whereby as few domestic staff as possible are on site at any given time to reduce as far as possible any potential contact between staff and residents. On those occasions when more than one member of the domestic team is on duty, staggered start and break times have been arranged.

As part of their daily cleaning duties, domestic staff carry out surface and contact cleaning with spray disinfectant to common touchpoints (such as door handles) in high traffic areas around the buildings.

Staff have been provided with personal hand gel sanitisers and are able to refill these at work, as necessary.

We email all existing residents to inform them when a new resident will be moving into the house in which they live. We also advise the incoming resident of the expectations of them in relation to Covid-19.

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