

In order to maintain the quality of our exams processes during this time, and to protect our students and staff health and welfare, we will be adhering to current health and safety advice from the HSE. You may have some queries in relation to our arrangements which should be explained below:

Will there be social distancing in exam rooms?

We no longer have a requirement to maintain social distancing in any classrooms – however, there will be a smaller number of students on campus for examinations which means that we can space out tables and chairs a little more than normal in most rooms.

Do I need to wear a mask during the exam?

Students and invigilators are not required to wear masks during the exams period but if you are more comfortable to do so, please do. We will provide masks and hand gel in each room.

What happens if I find I'm a close contact before my exam?

At the time of writing, the advice around close contacts has changed. If you think you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to restrict your movements or self-isolate unless you are showing symptoms. You should, however:

- watch out for symptoms - it can take up to 14 days after you are infected for symptoms to show
- take extra care to follow the advice on protecting others, in case you have the virus

However, if you **are** showing symptoms of COVID-19, you do need to self-isolate. In this case, we would advise you to defer your examination to the next exam session and take the exam as a first attempt then. If you state in your covering note that the reason for deferral is COVID-19 related, then you will not require a medical certificate. You will be deferred to the next exam session to sit your exam and there will be no repeat fee in this instance.

What if I test positive for COVID-19 before my exams?

We would suggest you self-isolate and apply to defer your examination to the next session and take the exam as a first attempt then. If you state in your covering note that the reason for deferral is COVID-19 related, then you will not require a medical certificate. You will be deferred to the next exam session to sit your exam and there will be no repeat fee in this instance.

Deferral Information + Forms

Deferral information and forms are available [here](#); you need to complete the Deferral of Module Assessment Form and submit this, with a covering email, to your Faculty Administrative Office, in the first instance.