

Tiers of Restriction

Teaching	Tier 1 (Default)	Tier 2 (Fallback)	Tier 3 (Stricter)	Tier 4 (Last Resort)
	HE providers are expected to provide blended learning, with face-to-face tuition, following the provisions of this guidance, and public health guidance, including, for example, the appropriate use of face coverings	HE providers should move to an increased level of online learning where possible. Providers should prioritise the continuation of face-to-face provision based on their own risk assessment. We expect that, in the majority of cases, this will be for those courses where it is most beneficial (for example, clinical or practical learning and research)	HE providers should increase the level of online learning to retain face-to-face provision for priority courses (for example, clinical and medical courses), and in as limited a number of situations as possible. Students should follow government guidance published as part of any additional restrictions applied locally, including where this says that students should remain in their current accommodation and not return their family home or other residential accommodation to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus through travel. In these circumstances, providers should support students to do so by keeping services for students, such as university libraries and catering facilities, open	We expect the majority of provision to be online, with buildings open for essential workers only. This should include the continuation of essential research
Research (Labs, workshops)	Research labs operating with COVID- secure mitigation controls in place and controlled access.	Prioritised research labs remain operational where safe to do so based on risk assessment.	Tight measures in place to limit access to researchers and PGR staff.	Essential research work only.
Student Services	Wide range of services operating on campus with COVID-secure mitigation.	Reduced availability of services with COVID-secure mitigation in place.	Essential services only directly supporting students welfare and wellbeing. Potentially closed otherwise.	Essential services only for students in need
Campus services	Enhanced cleaning and security in place with mitigation based on risk assessment.	Increased cleaning in areas of high footfall and shared spaces. Enhanced security.	Strict cleaning regimes but with fewer buildings open. Tight security.	Essential services only to keep sites safe and secure.
Accommodation	Operating and fully open with COVID- secure mitigation measures in place.	Support provided remotely where possible. Increased cleaning regime. No visitors.	Restrictions on travel. No visitors. Gyms closed.	Essential services only to support student welfare and safety.
Travel and Events	Small events only with COVID-secure mitigation measures in place. Limited UK and international travel using private or public transport (with mitigation).	Virtual events only. Essential UK travel only, using private transport. International travel by exception only subject to government guidance and insurance.	Virtual events only. Essential UK travel using private transport.	None