

Coronavirus (COVID-19) ESCP Business School London Campus FAQs Update: 22nd August 2022

Information for the London Campus community of ESCP Business School about COVID-19.

This page is updated with guidance from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Department for Education (DfE), and Public Health England (PHE).

This guidance is reviewed and updated regularly.

1. LATEST INFORMATION

CAMPUS HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE

Following the UK government's removal of Covid restrictions in England in April 2022, the Senior Management Board met and reviewed London Campus Covid protocols.

1. Testing

- Regular asymptomatic testing is not mandatory
- We continue asking those with Covid symptoms to take a Covid test
- All students will be provided with an NHS Lateral Flow Test (LFT) kit on induction day

2. Self-isolation

- Those testing positive need to inform the School and self-isolate for at least five full days and until they have received a negative test result

3. Face Coverings

- Face coverings are no longer mandatory in classes or communal areas and are worn on a voluntary basis
- Please be considerate of those around you and be ready to wear a face covering in confined spaces (e.g. offices, meeting rooms, and small study spaces) if asked by others in the room

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT COVID REGULATIONS IN ENGLAND?

In April 2022 the government removed remaining domestic restrictions in England. Please note that rules may be different in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Key updates:

- Everyone aged 5 and over can get a 1st and 2nd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

- People aged 16 or over, and some children aged 12 to 15, can also get a [booster dose](#) 2 months after their second vaccine dose. [Book your booster vaccination appointment](#) or [find a walk-in vaccination site](#).
- You do not need to complete a UK passenger locator form before you travel, take any COVID-19 tests or quarantine when you arrive in England.
- This applies whether you are vaccinated or not. It includes people who are transiting through England.
- You will not be required to wear a face covering in England, but the government suggests you continue to wear one in crowded and indoor spaces where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- **ESCP London Campus still encourages the use of these in communal areas on a voluntary basis.**
- Transport for London (TfL) no longer requires a face covering on its services (Tube, bus, etc.) as a condition of carriage; however, it is still strongly recommended to wear one.
- Should you test positive for Covid-19, you will not be legally required to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19. Stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people.
- **ESCP London Campus still requires those testing positive to inform the School and self-isolate for at least five full days and until they have received a negative test result**
- You will not have to take daily tests or be legally required to self-isolate following contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. However, ESCP London Campus still strongly encourages this practice if you show symptoms.

IS THE LONDON CAMPUS OPEN TO STUDENTS?

In-person teaching has fully resumed, along with student access to Campus services. However, in line with ESCP's Phygital strategy, a portion of classes will take place online.

The following policies are active:

- Consider wearing a face mask in communal areas (voluntary)
- Get vaccinated and boosted
- Wash and/or sanitise hands on a regular basis

The Library will be open in line with normal term-time hours. These hours are communicated via the Careers and Student Services weekly newsletter. For any additional information about the Library, please contact uk_library@escp.eu.

Student societies are allowed to run in-person activities.

I'M A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT AND I'D LIKE TO VISIT THE CAMPUS - AM I ALLOWED TO DO SO?

We are allowing prospects, candidates and enrolled students to visit the Campus. These visits are by prior appointment only. Please do not visit unless you have made an appointment.

Visiting: Prospective Students

Those who are considering applying to a London Campus programme or are in the process of applying must make an appointment with the Recruitment Executive for each programme.

- Bachelor in Management (BSc): bachelorlondon@escp.eu
- Master in Management: mimlondon@escp.eu
- MBA in International Management: mbalondon@escp.eu
- MSc in Energy Management: msc.energy@escp.eu
- MSc in Marketing & Creativity: msc.mmk@escp.eu
- MSc in Digital Transformation Management & Leadership: digitaltransformation@escp.eu
- Executive programmes: cmccarthy@escp.eu

Visiting: Enrolled Students

If you have secured your place for the 2022/23 academic year, please contact your Programme Office representative to book a Campus visit.

Please note that while we may accept bookings to visit, these are at the discretion of ESCP London Campus staff and may be refused due to public health concerns or staff availability.

MUST I BE FULLY VACCINATED TO START MY STUDIES AT THE LONDON CAMPUS?

We strongly recommend taking the opportunity to get vaccinated before travelling to the UK if the option is open to you. Doing so will not only protect you from serious illness should you contract COVID-19, but will also allow you to socialise and enjoy your ESCP and London experience with less worry and more freedom.

People aged 16 or over can pre-book a [booster dose](#) appointment 2 months after their second vaccine dose. You can get your booster dose 3 months after your second vaccine dose. [Book your booster vaccination appointment](#) or [find a walk-in vaccination site](#).

ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINATION IN THE UK?

Everyone aged 5 or over in the UK is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination for free, regardless of their nationality or immigration status.

There is no charge and this does not count as the kind of medical care that requires payment. If anyone attempts to charge you for your vaccine in the UK, please report this to ESCP and Action Fraud. You can access the Action Fraud website and read more information on vaccination scams [here](#).

DO I NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH A GP TO GET THE VACCINATION?

While registration with a GP is encouraged to access the vaccine, individuals can request to

book COVID-19 vaccination appointments as an unregistered patient through a local GP practice. You can find your nearest GP practice by visiting [Find a GP - NHS](#).

Students who are not registered with a GP will not be proactively contacted by a local NHS service. We encourage all students to register with a GP and they can be directed to www.nhs.uk/register for more information.

HOW DO I GET AN NHS NUMBER?

International students can approach their local GP practice for this, saying they would like to register for the purposes of receiving the vaccine.

I HAVE REGISTERED WITH A GP AND I HAVE AN NHS NUMBER - WHAT DO I DO NEXT IF I HAVEN'T ALREADY RECEIVED A VACCINE?

If you have all this information, head to [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS](#) to make an appointment. Remember, you can book COVID-19 vaccination appointments as an unregistered patient through a local GP practice. It is recommended you register with the NHS while you are with us for general health reasons, but do not delay getting your vaccine by waiting for this information. You can find your nearest GP practice by visiting [Find a GP - NHS](#).

I HAVE DEPENDENTS. ARE THEY ALSO ELIGIBLE?

Everyone aged 5 or over in the UK is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination for free, regardless of their nationality or immigration status.

I'VE HAD ONE OR TWO DOSES BACK HOME, BUT NOT MY BOOSTER. WHAT DO I DO NOW I'M IN LONDON?

If you have received a first or second dose of COVID-19 vaccine overseas that is also available in the UK, you should receive the same vaccine for your second dose. You are likely to receive a different one for your booster.

If the vaccine you received for your first dose is not available in the UK, the most similar alternative should be offered as per the [advice here](#) (see sections on vaccine interchangeability guidance). You should contact a GP to ensure you receive an appropriate vaccine for their second dose.

WHAT ABOUT MY BOOSTER VACCINE?

People aged 16 or over can pre-book a [booster dose](#) appointment 2 months after their second vaccine dose. You can get your booster dose 3 months after your second vaccine dose. [Book your booster vaccination appointment](#) or [find a walk-in vaccination site](#).

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

Visit [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS](#) or use our London Campus enquiries email: studentaffairslondon@escp.eu. If you require further help please, make use of the School-level support services by emailing directly to studentshelpdesk.covid19@escp.eu. You can also contact our wellbeing team at wellbeinguk@escp.eu

MUST I TAKE A COVID TEST TO COME ON CAMPUS OR REMAIN ON CAMPUS?

We are no longer asking people to test before coming to Campus. However, please use a Lateral Flow Test should you feel any of the known symptoms of Covid-19.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

While the three main indicators of infection have not changed - fever, new and continuous

cough, fatigue - the spread of variants of COVID-19 raises the possibility of new symptoms. You can find the current known indicators via the [World Health Organisation website](#), but should you have any concerns please take a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. Lateral Flow kits are supplied to all students on their first day and can also be purchased at any pharmacy counter, including those in supermarkets and chains such as Boots and Superdrug.

CAN EU STUDENTS COMING TO STUDY IN LONDON STILL USE THE EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE (EHIC) CARD IN THE UK?

Students coming to the UK from an EU country to study for one semester who fall ill or have a medical emergency during a temporary stay in England can use a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) issued by their home country to access healthcare.

The EHIC (or a Provisional Replacement Certificate - PRC) will cover treatment that becomes medically necessary during a visit to England. It also covers the treatment of pre-existing medical conditions and for routine maternity care, providing the reason for visiting is not specifically to give birth or receive treatment.

Planned treatment is not covered by the EHIC.

Please refer to: [How charges for NHS healthcare apply to overseas visitors - GOV.UK](#)

Students coming to study for one that six months, including EU residents, will pay an Immigration Healthcare Surcharge and have access to NHS services during their stay.

WHAT RESTRICTIONS APPLY ON TRAVEL TO THE UK?

When you travel to England, you no longer need to:

- complete a UK passenger locator form before you travel
- take any COVID-19 tests before you travel or after you arrive
- quarantine when you arrive

This applies whether you are vaccinated or not. It includes people who are transiting through England.

Other countries may have rules about what you need to do to leave the country to travel to England. You should check travel advice for the country you are travelling from.

ARE THERE REMOTE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO CANNOT COME ON TO CAMPUS?

- **Library Service**

All enrolled students have a Myschool login which allows access to various databases, such as EBSCO, Emerald, Science Direct and more, as well as international newspapers, market reports and statistics. In addition, the Vault database provides career information, including rankings and reviews of top companies and schools, careers-advice articles, Industry and occupational profiles, and employee ratings.

The Library can also give you access to textbooks in ebook format as well as a selection of other ebooks.

All London students can have an online subscription to the Financial Times via FT.com. We encourage you to make the most of this to keep yourself informed on business and economic current affairs.

You can create a login here:

<https://join.ft.com/991a42f5-e881-42c3-8d74-ea7f26bbe652?linkOrigin=enterprise-tools>

Bloomberg is also available to students specialising in Finance. Bloomberg delivers business and markets news, data, analysis, and videos. The London Campus can now provide 32 remote-access accounts for this service.

For information on the Library, please contact Jorge Roncero: jroncero@escp.eu.

- **Careers Service**

The Careers Service team offers remote advice for all students. You can book appointments for Careers Advice, CV/CL check, interview prep, case study practice, etc. via JobTeaser:

<https://escp.jobteaser.com>

You also have the option to book appointments with Career Advisers on other campuses. This can also be done via JobTeaser by selecting the relevant campus from the drop-down menu.

As part of our endeavour to provide students with an opportunity to interact virtually with representatives from different companies, the Careers Service will continue to organise virtual company presentations and workshops throughout the term and, as always, you will be informed of all career-related events via email.

For more information on our Careers Service, please contact Rohan Malhotra: rmalhotra@escp.eu

- **Student Events**

For information on student events and societies, please contact Solene Hoyez: shoyez@escp.eu

- **Wellbeing**

Our wellbeing team can provide online support by means of video chats by appointment on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 5pm. To request an appoint please email: wellbeinguk@escp.eu

ESCP also provides all students in London with access to a confidential telephone helpline named Empathy, contactable on 0800 071 3672. Empathy is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides personal one-to-one counselling. Empathy can help you with stress, medical, financial and legal issues, as well as psychological problems.

WHAT ARE THE RULES ON FACE MASKS IN THE UK?

You are not currently required to wear a face covering in England, but the government suggests you continue to wear one in crowded and indoor spaces where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

At ESCP London Campus:

- Face coverings are no longer mandatory in communal areas, but are encouraged

- Please be considerate of those around you and be ready to wear a face covering in confined spaces (e.g. offices, meeting rooms, and small study spaces) if asked by others in the room

Transport for London (TfL) no longer requires a face covering on its services (Tube, bus, etc.) as a condition of carriage; however, it is still strongly recommended to wear one.

I CAN'T WEAR A MASK. ARE THERE EXEMPTIONS?

Some people are less able to wear face coverings, and the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- children under the age of 11 (The UK Health and Security Agency does not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons)
- people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
- people for whom putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause severe distress
- people speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate
- to avoid the risk of harm or injury to yourself or others
- police officers and other emergency workers, given that this may interfere with their ability to serve the public

There are also scenarios when you are permitted to remove a face covering:

- if asked to do so in a bank, building society, or post office for identification
- if asked to do so by shop staff or relevant employees for identification, for assessing health recommendations (for example by a pharmacist) or for age identification purposes, including when buying age restricted products such as alcohol
- in order to take medication

Exemption cards

If you have an age, health or disability reason for not wearing a face covering:

- you do not routinely need to show any written evidence of this
- you do not need to show an exemption card

This means that you do not need to seek advice or request a letter from a medical professional about your reason for not wearing a face covering.

However, some people may feel more comfortable showing something that says they do not have to wear a face covering. This could be in the form of an exemption card, badge or even a home-made sign.

Carrying an exemption card or badge is a personal choice and is not required by law.

If you wish to use an exemption card or badge, you can [download exemption card templates](#). You can then print these yourself or show them on a mobile device. Please note that the government is not able to provide physical exemption cards or badges.

If you use assistive technology (such as a screen reader) and need a version of these templates in a more accessible format, please email publiccorrespondence@cabinetoffice.gov.uk. Please say what format you need the template in and what assistive technology you use.

People travelling on TfL who are not required to wear a face covering can [order a free badge from Transport for London](#) to let staff, enforcement officers and other customers know that they are exempt.

For exemptions in different parts of the UK please refer to the specific guidance for:

- [Northern Ireland](#)
- [Scotland](#)
- [Wales](#)

2. PREVIOUS INFORMATION

WHAT MEASURES WILL THE SCHOOL TAKE IN THE CASE OF AN OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 ON CAMPUS?

We have developed an Outbreak Management Plan which provides a roadmap for critical incident management and for forming a response to different COVID-19 alert levels within a single escalation framework. It outlines the roles and responsibilities of ESCP personnel and units, and the functions that public partners can be expected to provide to the School based on present understanding.

The Outbreak Management Plan identifies Levels 1-5 of an escalation framework.

At Levels 1-3, the Campus remains open to students with only specific individuals and their close contacts isolated from Campus dependent on the nature, volume and relationship of cases. Efforts are focused on the identification of positive cases and on precautionary actions for close contacts. Levels 4 and 5 apply when the Campus and local public health teams identify an outbreak situation on-campus or risk of outbreak in light of local developments.

Regional or national developments such as a 'lockdown' or the introduction of 'circuit break' measures could also progress the School to the latter stages of its framework but this depends on their specific provisions.

In summary:

- Level 1 applies where there are no cases. The Campus operates normally under its Covid-security protocols.
- Level 2 applies where there are a small number of isolated cases and isolations. The Campus operates normally under its Covid-security protocols but specific individuals

are isolated from Campus.

- Level 3 applies where there are a small number of cases but more than a single case is evident in one specific study group or cohort. The Campus operates normally under its Covid-security protocols but individual study groups or bubbles may be isolated from Campus for 10-14 days.
- Level 4 requires the Campus to close to students for a specific period following evidence of escalating case numbers and linkages on Campus. National measures applied to educational establishments could also migrate the Campus to level 4 of its framework.
- Level 5 requires the Campus to close to both staff and students for a specific period following identification of infection presence amongst staff following the removal of students from site at level 4. National measures applied to educational establishments could also migrate the Campus to level 5 of its framework without passing through intermediate stages.

WHERE SHOULD I DIRECT MY QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 AND THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO ME?

Programme related queries should be directed to your Programme Director or Manager. These individuals can tell you about your programme structure, rules, calendar, and timetable.

For questions concerning COVID-19 response measures, campus status or services, please use our London Campus enquiries email: studentaffairslondon@escp.eu. If you require further help please, make use of the School-level support services by emailing directly to studentshelpdesk.covid19@escp.eu. You can also contact our wellbeing team at wellbeinguk@escp.eu

3. ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND APPLICANTS

CAN I GET A VISA TO STUDY IN LONDON IF I REQUIRE ONE?

You can find information on the different visa routes/rules here: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>. These rules have been heavily updated in recent months due to the end of the Brexit Transition Period.

EU Students studying in London for more than six months must now apply for a Student visa. EU students do not need to obtain a visa if they are coming to the UK for a period of less than six months but do need to provide other required documents. Please access our FAQ Sheets within the London tab of the [Visas & Residence Permits section of the ESCP website](#) for further information, or contact our Visa Office, visasupportlondon@escp.eu.

AS PART OF MY UK STUDENT VISA APPLICATION, I NEED TO PROVIDE AN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST. DO YOU RUN IN-HOUSE TESTS?

ESCP London Campus can provide an in-house English test for those students who have accepted programme offers and have paid their deposits. You will be able to use this test for

your Student Visa application. For more information please contact London Visa Team:
visasupportlondon@escp.eu.

I HAVE ARRIVED IN THE UK WITH MY VISA VIGNETTE AND I NEED TO COLLECT MY BIOMETRIC RESIDENCE PERMIT (BRP). HOWEVER, I NEED TO QUARANTINE. HOW CAN I COLLECT THIS FROM THE POST OFFICE?

You can nominate someone else to collect your BRP if you have a serious illness or disability that prevents you from collecting it. They must provide your passport as evidence that you've entered the UK.

CAN I SUBMIT A PROGRAMME APPLICATION WITHOUT AN ENGLISH TEST?

Yes, we will accept applications without proof of English if you are unable to provide official test certificates. Please contact us for more details.

CAN I GET A PROGRAMME APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENSION?

We might consider individual deadline extensions in exceptional circumstances. In order to apply for a deadline extension, please email our admissions team with clear reasoning for the request.

WILL I BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRADUATE IMMIGRATION ROUTE?

Students will have the benefit of working in the UK upon completion of their studies.

Requirements to apply for Graduate Immigration Route:

- Hold a Student Visa
- Successfully complete a degree at undergraduate level or above
- Spend the last year of studies at the London campus
- Graduate in the summer of 2021 or after

More information on this can be found [here](#).

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

We will be happy to provide you with more information via email/call, please contact us to set up an individual call:

- Undergraduate team: bachelorlondonadmissions@escp.eu
- Postgraduate team: masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu
- Master in Management team: mimlondonadmissions@escp.eu
- Executive Education team: ukexeced@escp.eu