

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

ESCP Business School London Campus FAQs

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Information for the London Campus community of ESCP Business School about novel coronavirus (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.

[Video explaining COVID-19 Health & Safety measures at the London Campus](#)

1. LATEST INFORMATION

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT COVID REGULATIONS IN ENGLAND?

The Government announced that all lockdown measures for England were removed from 19th July. From this date, you are permitted to:

- Socialise indoors with no restrictions on numbers or household mixing
- Meet outside with no restrictions
- Eat and drink at indoor venues at full capacity
- Visit cinemas, theatres and other indoor entertainment venues at full capacity

For a full list, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Laws on social distancing and mask wearing will no longer apply. However, the following are still in effect:

- Test when you have symptoms and continue routine asymptomatic testing
- Self-isolate when you test positive or when contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
- Border quarantine for all arriving from red list countries and for those not fully vaccinated arriving from amber list countries.
- Expectation and recommendation that face coverings are worn in crowded areas.
- Masks will remain mandatory on all Transport for London (TfL) services such as the Tube or bus, and you may be required to wear them to enter private premises such as shops, which have the right to refuse entry or service.

The London Campus will continue to ask staff, faculty, students and visitors to wear masks while on-campus and in classes until further notice.

IS THE LONDON CAMPUS OPEN TO STUDENTS?

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

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.

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

From 19th July, 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.

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

Enrolled Students

If you have secured your place for the 2021/22 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.

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. Covid certificates are not currently required in England for crowded venues such as nightclubs, but the Government has stated this may be the case in the future. This will mean you cannot access certain places with a negative COVID-19 test and will instead need to show double-vaccination status.

MY COUNTRY HASN'T OFFERED ME A VACCINE YET. ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINATION IN THE UK?

Everyone aged 18 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 <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp>.

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 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> 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 <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp>.

I HAVE DEPENDENTS. ARE THEY ALSO ELIGIBLE?

Anyone in England is eligible for the vaccine if they fall within the current eligibility criteria set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation and should come forward once it is their turn.

I'VE HAD ONE DOSE BACK HOME, BUT NOT MY SECOND. WHAT DO I DO NOW I'M IN LONDON?

If you have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine overseas that is also available in the UK, you should receive the same vaccine for your second dose.

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.

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

Visit <https://nhs.uk/covid-vaccination> 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 the London Campus Nurse, [Sharon Francis](#).

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

No. However, Higher Education providers are setting a clear expectation that all students should test immediately on their return to or beginning Higher Education and on a twice weekly basis thereafter. We are currently offering on-site testing two times a week. The test is for students who do not have symptoms of COVID-19. Temperature checks are still in place when entering the Campus.

MUST I COME TO CAMPUS FOR MY STUDIES?

All of our degree programmes can be studied remotely if needed as there are still significant restrictions on travel to the UK (see below). Each case will be judged on an individual basis.

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 available on Campus, and can also be obtained at any pharmacy counter, including those in supermarkets and chains such as Boots and Superdrug.

WHAT IS THE NHS TEST AND TRACE APP?

The School encourages staff and students to download the NHS Test and Trace App (NHS COVID-19 app). In doing so, each individual will be able to scan QR codes found at the entrance of venues (restaurants, bars, etc. as well as the London Campus), registering your presence. Should you be in close contact with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, the app will alert you (known colloquially as 'ping') and instruct you to self-isolate for a specified number of days. QR code posters for the School will be located at both entrances and in the student lounge.

You can download the app via <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19>.

You do not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- you're under 18 years
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

WHAT RESTRICTIONS APPLY ON TRAVEL TO THE UK?

From 4am Monday 4 October 2021, the rules for international travel to England will change from the red, amber, green traffic light system to a single red list of countries and simplified travel measures for arrivals from the rest of the world. The rules for travel from countries and territories not on the red list will depend on your vaccination status.

Travel from the rest of the world (i.e. non-red-list countries) if you are fully vaccinated

From 4am Monday 4 October, you will qualify as fully vaccinated if you are vaccinated either:

- under an [approved vaccination programme in the UK, Europe, USA or UK vaccine programme overseas](#)
- with a full course of the Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna or Janssen vaccines from a relevant public health body in Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bahrain, Brunei, Canada, Dominica, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan or the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Formulations of the 4 listed vaccines, such as AstraZeneca Covishield, AstraZeneca Vaxzevria and Moderna Takeda, qualify as approved vaccines.

You must have had a complete course of an approved vaccine at least 14 days before you arrive in England.

Where 2 doses of a vaccine are required for a full course, you will be able to:

- mix 2 different types of vaccine, for example Oxford/AstraZeneca and Moderna
- have the 2 vaccinations under 2 different approved programmes, for example Australia and Japan, UK and USA, EU and Canada

Until 4 October, mixed vaccines are only permitted if you are vaccinated under the [UK, Europe, USA or UK overseas vaccination programme](#).

The rules for fully vaccinated people will also apply if you are either:

- under 18 and resident in the UK or one of the listed countries or territories with approved vaccination programmes
- taking part in an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial in the UK or USA – in due course, we expect to extend this to other countries

If you qualify as fully vaccinated you will have to:

- book and pay for a [day 2 COVID-19 test](#) – to be taken after arrival in England
- complete your [passenger locator form](#) – any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in England
- take a COVID-19 test on or before day 2 after you arrive in England

Under the new rules, you will not need to:

- take a pre-departure test
- take a day 8 COVID-19 test
- quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 days after you arrive in England

You must be able to prove that you have been fully vaccinated (plus 14 days) with a document (digital or paper-based) from a national or state-level public health body that includes, as a minimum:

- forename and surname(s)
- date of birth
- vaccine brand and manufacturer
- date of vaccination for every dose
- country or territory of vaccination and/or certificate issuer

If your document from a public health body does not include all of these, you must follow the [non-vaccinated rules](#). If not, you may be denied boarding.

If you are fully vaccinated in the USA, you will need to show a CDC card showing you've had a full course of an FDA-approved vaccine in the USA. You'll also need to prove that you are a resident of the USA.

If you are fully vaccinated in Europe, you will need to show an EU Digital COVID Certificate (EU DCC), showing you've had a full course of an EMA or Swissmedic-approved vaccine.

If you are fully vaccinated, but do not qualify under these fully vaccinated rules, you must follow the [non-vaccinated rules](#).

Travel from the rest of the world (i.e. non-red-list countries) if you are not fully vaccinated

From 4am Monday 4 October, you must follow these rules if you:

- do not qualify under the fully vaccinated rules
- are partially vaccinated
- are not vaccinated

Before you travel to England you must:

- take a [pre-departure COVID-19 test](#) – to be taken in the 3 days before you travel to England
- book and pay for [day 2 and day 8 COVID-19 tests](#) – to be taken after arrival in England
- complete your [passenger locator form](#) – any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in England

After you arrive in England you must:

- quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 days
- take a COVID-19 test on or before day 2 and on or after day 8

You may be able to end quarantine early if you pay for a private COVID-19 test through the [Test to Release scheme](#).

Travel from red list countries

From 4am Monday 4 October, you must follow these rules if you are:

- fully vaccinated
- partially vaccinated
- not vaccinated

If you have been in a country or territory on the [red list](#) in the last 10 days, you will only be allowed to enter the UK if you are a British or Irish national or you have residence rights in the UK.

Before you travel to England, you must:

- take a [pre-departure COVID-19 test](#) – to be taken in the 3 days before you travel to England
- book a [quarantine hotel package, including 2 COVID-19 tests](#)
- complete your [passenger locator form](#) – any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in England

When you arrive in England, you must [quarantine in a managed hotel, including 2 COVID-19 tests](#).

The red list will be reviewed every 3 weeks and whenever concerning evidence means the Government may need to act faster to protect public health.

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**

A number of online student events will continue to take place during term-time. You will be informed of these by email. Also, we currently have active student societies organising all sorts of activities and we strongly encourage you to take part. You can find information on Student Societies at <https://www.escpsocieties.com>.

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

- **Wellbeing**

Our wellbeing practitioner, Sharon Francis, can provide online support by means of video chats by appointment. Sharon is available Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 5pm at sfrancis@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.

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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-the-nhs-charges-overseas-visitors-for-nhs-hospital-care/how-the-nhs-charges-overseas-visitors-for-nhs-hospital-care#visitors-to-the-uk-from-the-eu>

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.

2. PREVIOUS INFORMATION

WHAT SANITARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR INDIVIDUALS STUDYING AT OR WORKING ON THE LONDON CAMPUS?

The following risk prevention measures have been in place since the re-opening of the Campus to students in September 2020:

Social distancing

There is no longer any rule on social distancing in the UK due to the high vaccination rate. However, this may change at any time. Please follow signed guidance within the Campus.

Face coverings

These must be worn by students, staff, faculty and visitors while on Campus as an additional risk-mitigation measure. This requirement applies to all communal spaces, such as corridors, classrooms, and communal areas. You are permitted to remove them in outdoor spaces such as the Courtyard or smoking area. Individuals do not need to wear a face-covering if they have a legitimate reason not to. This includes:

- if someone has a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, that means they cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering
- if putting on, wearing or removing a face covering would cause someone severe distress

Additional sanitary measures

We have also identified and implemented a range of protective measures in order to comply with government guidance for safe workplaces, based on an assessment of the risks and requirements of each environment. This has included:

- increased availability of handwashing and hand-sanitisation facilities where hand-washing facilities are less readily available
- Air quality in classes will be monitored daily through CO2 devices installed in each classroom. In addition, fresh air supply to classrooms will be provided through mechanical installations
- managing entrance to, exit from, and movement around our building, as well as such measures as one-way entrances, exits and staircases
- temperature checks at point of entry to the building

Cleaning

The School has introduced enhanced cleaning measures, including more frequent cleaning of rooms and shared areas that are used by different groups, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

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 Campus Nurse, [Sharon Francis](#).

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 FOR 10 DAYS. 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 at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-graduate-route-information-for-international-students>

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