Key Principles

1. This guidance has been updated to take into account the full opening of the site as we move from prescriptive requirements to precautionary behaviours. Rather than rules prescribing the measures to minimise COVID transmission, we will adopt precautionary behaviours (control measures), which have been identified through risk assessment and guidance, together with establishing new courtesies and etiquette around face coverings and social distancing between individuals. This assessment will be subject to regular and frequent re-evaluation.

2. We anticipate that some staff and students may adopt a hybrid pattern of working/studying between home and the CMS. Shared occupancy of offices is now permitted, subject to mutual agreement.

3. Any staff or student who has had a positive test or has symptoms, however mild, or is in a household where someone has symptoms or has had a positive test, should not come to CMS. Staff should inform their line manager/supervisor. If you have any COVID-19 symptoms get a test immediately and self-isolate until you have a result. Book online at www.cam.ac.uk/bookatest

4. The University continues to urge students and staff to get vaccinated as soon as possible to increase their protection and decrease the likelihood of transmission. The latest University guidance can be found on the Covid-19 webpages www.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus and University Stay Safe Cambridge Uni webpages www.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus/stay-safe-cambridge-uni

Face Coverings and Social Distancing

5. The use of face coverings is still strongly recommended when moving around indoors at CMS, particularly in higher density areas such as the central core. Staff and students are reminded that research shows that mask-wearing provides an important degree of protection against COVID-19 transmission.

6. We encourage all those at CMS to maintain social distancing where possible.

7. Face coverings can be removed in offices, but only with an ongoing consideration for others who may prefer to use them. If you share an office, please agree in advance with your office mates regarding face coverings and/or times for sole occupancy. Please contact Hannah (damtpsec@maths.cam.ac.uk) or Vivien (dpmmssec@dpmms.cam.ac.uk) if you cannot reach agreement or have concerns that you do not wish to raise with other occupants of the office.

8. Keep offices well ventilated (via windows and vents. Additional measures (along with further guidance) will be rolled out soon to enable ventilation to be maintained on wet days.

9. If you are holding meetings in an office or a meeting room, we expect that you will be courteous and ask if others are comfortable for you not to wear a face covering.

10. When you meet with others in close proximity in common rooms or the central core, we recommend that face coverings are worn, unless consuming food or drinks.

11. Visitors are allowed on site.

Central Core and Common Rooms

12. The central core will return to normal usage but a lower density of seating will be maintained.

13. The chairs will be returned to common rooms. Users are expected to practice social distancing where possible. In the Potter room, the maximum capacity will be determined by the number of chairs (no additional standing room). Measures are currently being investigated to improve the ventilation in other common rooms and CO₂ monitors, with alarms, will be trialled.

14. We expect the Maths Café to be open again from October 2021.

15. Eating and drinking in the core and common rooms is permitted.

16. The Part III room will be available for use from October 2021 (with wearing of face coverings and social distancing recommended).
Teaching

17. Students will be expected to demonstrate consideration for their peers and CMS staff by wearing face coverings in lecture theatres both offsite (Babbage and Cockcroft theatres) as well as in CMS lecture rooms (unless they are exempt).

18. In the CMS, to avoid pinch points, students are encouraged to enter via the main entrance for access to lecture theatres and to leave via other exits (for example on the lower ground floor if exiting MR2). The main staircase leading down to lecture rooms (MR2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 12) should only be used for going DOWN from the central core.

19. Lecturers, examples class supervisors and students are reminded to turn up and leave promptly to ensure that lectures can start and finish on time and leaving at least 5-10 minutes between classes for ventilation. Students are requested not to linger outside lecture rooms once they have exited to avoid compromising social distancing guidelines.

20. Current lecture room capacities may NOT be exceeded (for example, students must not stand at the back or sit on the stairs in MR2). If there is insufficient space in a lecture room, students will have to leave and watch the lecture online. We anticipate this may only happen in the first couple of weeks of Michaelmas Term while Part III students choose their courses.

21. All the lecture rooms are mechanically ventilated which is optimized when the doors are closed. Doors should be closed while the room is in use.

22. In lectures where the number of students is below the maximum recommended occupancy, please use common sense and leave space between students where possible.

23. Individuals are responsible for sanitising their seating area/desk before and after use in meeting rooms.

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24. Hand sanitiser is available throughout the Departments at each entrance and in each office, common room, meeting room and bathroom.

25. The showers onsite can be used. Users are responsible for self-cleaning the shower and a ventilation period of one hour in between use is still recommended. Please complete the sign-up sheet on the door after using the shower.

26. Facilities staff will remain working on site (Monday to Friday, normal working hours). Enhanced cleaning protocols including daytime cleaning regimes for common touchpoints including door handles, toilets, common rooms will continue.

27. Signs have been put up to remind everyone to wash their hands regularly and to practice physical distancing where possible.

28. The use of kettles, microwaves, fridges and taps is allowed provided users wash their hands before and after use. Hand sanitiser and wipes will be provided.

29. The one-way system in Central Core, in and out of C, D, G & H common rooms and some of the larger lecture rooms (MRs 2, 3 & 9) has been suspended.

30. If you develop any symptoms while at work, please report your symptoms to Reception before leaving the site. Anyone who starts to feel unwell and needs to lie down before going home will be encouraged to do so in their office with support from a First Aider. The First Aid room in Pavilion F will be retained for other First Aid emergencies, other than those relating to Covid-19.

31. Staff and students working in the GK Batchelor Laboratory will continue to be subject to the lab’s standard operating procedures.