

## Covid-19 Guidelines and Requirements for visitors, readers and residents

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At Tyndale House we are committed to fostering an evangelical research community, and to do so as safely as is reasonably possible. We recognise that members of the Tyndale House community will have different views on the relative risks of Covid-19 and the relative benefits of measures meant to mitigate it. Bearing all these factors in mind, we have decided upon the following course of action:

### 1. Covid-19 Symptoms and Self-Isolation

#### a. If you test positive for Covid-19:

- i. It is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate, however, the [UK Government](#) still advise that you stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and until you have received two negative test results on consecutive days.
- ii. To protect our readers and staff, we ask that you do not enter the Tyndale House library, common rooms/shared facilities or offices for at least 5 full days and until you have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

#### b. If you are unwell with the [main symptoms of Covid-19](#), even if they're mild:

- i. Please follow the [UK Government's guidance](#) by getting a [PCR test](#) as soon as possible.
- ii. To protect our readers and staff, we ask that you do not enter the Tyndale House offices, common rooms and/or library until you are symptom free or have had a negative PCR test.

### 2. Handwashing

Regular hand washing can be an effective way to reduce the risk of catching and spreading Covid-19. We therefore ask that you wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser upon entering the site, as well as regularly throughout the day.

### 3. Fresh Air – Open windows and meet outside whenever possible

Fresh air and good ventilation can vastly reduce the risk of airborne transmission of Covid-19. **We therefore encourage that windows are being opened in the library and common rooms when used.** Blankets have been provided for each desk in the library to facilitate this. For security reasons, please do take great care to shut any windows when you leave the room/your desk and if you see any empty rooms with windows open.

While our common rooms (Upper Hex and the Common Room) are available for readers to meet and eat their lunch, we do encourage you to meet outdoors whenever possible. The permission to use our common rooms is subject to that furniture is returned to its original position after use.

**Coffee time** will continue Mondays – Fridays at 11 – 11.30am in the Common Room. **Chapel** will continue Tuesdays during term time at 10.30 - 11am in the Upper Hex. The rota and any last-minute changes will be included in our news email.

*On occasions, our common rooms may be required for meetings and won't be available for readers. For any questions, please contact Ayi ([hospitality.assistant@tyndalehouse.com](mailto:hospitality.assistant@tyndalehouse.com)).*

#### 4. Social Distancing and Face Masks

There is no longer a maximum occupancy number for our communal rooms or a requirement to wearing a face mask when attending indoor gatherings, such as prayer meetings and Chapel. Instead, we strongly encourage you to follow the guidance under point 3 as well as being aware of the sensitivity of others, recognising that some may still prefer to wear a face mask when meeting in person.

#### 5. Residents' use of the site

We appreciate that our residents under certain circumstances would like to be able to use the Upper Hex and Common Room outside our office hours. We are happy for residents to use our commons rooms to gather, subject to the following criteria:

- Explicit permission from Simon Sykes will be required for all gatherings. Please email [hospitality.assistant@tyndalehouse.com](mailto:hospitality.assistant@tyndalehouse.com) to request permission.
- Rooms should be hoovered, surfaces wiped and furniture returned to its original position after use.
- *Our common rooms may at times be used for business purposes over the weekend and outside our office hours. For any questions, please contact Ayi ([hospitality.assistant@tyndalehouse.com](mailto:hospitality.assistant@tyndalehouse.com))*

**We thank you for your continued patience and understanding at this time. Please get in touch with [bente.sw@tyndalehouse.com](mailto:bente.sw@tyndalehouse.com) if you have any questions/queries.**