



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

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Important update on Covid-19 cases

To: all on-campus students

Dear student,

As you will be aware there is a number of positive cases of Covid-19 among our student population, with confirmed cases in a number of University of Edinburgh student accommodation blocks, and an increasing number of students self-isolating as a result.

In all cases we are working with NHS Lothian's Health Protection team to ensure that these students, and those around them, are provided with the information and support they need.

You may be aware that as from today, due to the number and distribution of cases, all students in Ewing House (in Pollock Halls) are required to self-isolate. I wanted to stress that this applies to Ewing House only, and not to any other block of student accommodation at this point in time. However it is a sobering reminder of the need for all of you to be vigilant regarding any Covid-19 symptoms and for all of you to follow the guidance on social distancing and household gatherings at all times. Please can I repeat my plea to you all to follow the national guidelines so we all play our part in keeping our community safe.

We want to support those of you who are self-isolating as much as possible, so we have just published these detailed FAQs below which include guidance on food provision and student support services:

[Support for students in self-isolation](#)

You can also email our Covid-19 team at covid19@ed.ac.uk with concerns or questions that are not covered by these FAQs.

A number of you have reported problems with Wi-Fi in student accommodation, and to assist you we have published advice and support on our Information Services webpages below:

[Wi-Fi issues in student accommodation](#)

We are continuing to monitor the situation, keeping our students and staff informed as appropriate, and following all Scottish Government guidance. We are providing care and support to those self-isolating both in University-owned and private accommodation.

Ongoing information and support continues to be updated on our [Covid-19 webpages](#) and through our [student](#) and [corporate](#) social media channels.

Best wishes,

Colm

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