



Return to Bentham House

Students are requested to follow this guidance when visiting Bentham House to keep everyone safe and well. Security staff will be available to guide students and ensure the facilities are being used safely. Any health and safety concerns or incidents of these guidelines not being followed may result in Bentham House having to be closed again, so please use the facilities responsibly.

The symptoms of COVID-19 include a high temperature, loss or change to your sense of smell and/or taste, and a new continuous cough. If you start to experience these symptoms, please do not attend Bentham House and notify UCL via the [Connect to Protect](#) website.

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Bentham House reopens to students on Monday 24th May 2021. Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact lawsoperations@ucl.ac.uk

1. Revised Room Capacities

Bentham House will be open from 24 May, but at reduced capacity. At the entrance to all meeting rooms and lecture spaces, you will find signage indicating the temporarily reduced room capacities. Please ensure you adhere to these capacities at all times.

Study space, lecture rooms and communal space is currently available on a first-come-first-serve basis, which will be continually monitored over the forthcoming weeks. Should a room booking system be required, you will be notified and instructions will be provided.

2. Preparing to Return

Please familiarise yourself with the [UCL Coronavirus FAQ's](#) on keeping safe around campus. This includes an FAQ on measures introduced to prevent the spread of Covid-19, in addition to information on which services are currently available across the UCL campus.

3. Card Access, Security & Signage

From Monday 24th May 2021, all students will be able to access Bentham House between the hours of 8am and 7pm. You must:

- Present your UCL student card. Without this you may not be permitted access to the building.
- Continue to wear a face covering whenever you are within Bentham House.
- Use sterilisation points throughout your visit.
- Use the antibacterial wipes provided before and after using desk space, to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

4. Lift Usage

All lifts within Bentham House are temporarily single occupancy only. It is therefore advisable to use the stairs wherever possible.

5. Toilet and Shower Facilities

Toilets within Bentham House will be limited to single-use occupancy until further notice, unless otherwise indicated on the door. Please use external door locks when using these spaces, as well as the additional "Vacant/Engaged" signage displayed to indicate when the toilets are in use. Sanitiser and cleaning materials will be provided to ensure that toilets are left clean after use.

There are currently no shower facilities available within Bentham House.



6. Room Ventilation

The UCL Estates team have tested all rooms at Bentham House, paying particular attention to those without windows on the lower ground floors. The results have indicated that all rooms are fully compliant with published ventilation standards, however additional measures have also been taken which will run ventilation systems above their usual cycles during this time of year.

7. Café Opening

The café will remain closed until further notice. A full list of cafés and restaurants which are opening within the UCL campus can be found here: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/life-ucl/whats-open-campus>

8. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Sterilisation Points

Upon arrival at Bentham House you should use the hand sanitiser at the reception desk. This will be provided by the Faculty. You should also equip yourselves with a mask, tissues and personal hand sanitiser prior to your arrival.

Sterilisation points can be found at the following locations:

- Ground floor reception
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th floor bridges
- Print/Photocopy rooms
- Shared spaces
- Teaching and meeting rooms.

9. Printing at Bentham House

All print rooms and print points within Bentham House will remain in use. Please use sanitiser prior to using any of the equipment, to help prevent the spread of Covid-19

10. Wellbeing

- For students, support is provided by Student Psychological and Counselling Services (SPCS) during office hours. Care First can be contacted outside office hours (5pm to 9am) by calling for free on 0800 197 4510.
- Care First also offer support through a one-to-one online messaging service, in which you can speak to a counsellor in real time.