

Key Updates on Return to Campus

Botany

06-September-2021

In the first part of semester 1 up to and including Reading Week starting Oct 25th the following regulations will be followed:

Lectures, Labs and Tutorials in Botany/ Environmental Science/ Environmental Science and Engineering

- 1m social distancing with mandatory mask-wearing in lectures, labs and tutorials, with lecturers distanced by 2m from students.
- Staff when delivering content at a 2m distance from students do not need to wear a mask.
- Staff should wear masks if moving around the laboratory or teaching space.
- Time-tabled in-person events should finish at 15 minutes to the hour to allow for changeover.

Botany Department Building, Shared Offices and Labs

- Do not come into work if you have any COVID symptoms or are unwell.
- You no longer need to fill in the COVID return to work forms
- Signing of the book in the botany building applies only to after hours attendance in the building.
- Shared office and lab space will operate at 2m social distancing with mandatory mask-wearing.
- Those who can, and where it makes sense are encouraged to continue working from home.
- People should continue to wear masks while moving around indoors.
- Shared kitchen in Botany is open with mandatory mask wearing, hand sanitizing and 2m social distancing.
- 11am coffee will be held outside.
- Lunch outdoors if weather permits.
- If the weather is bad, the Botany Library is open for lunch (4 people maximum) between 1 and 2pm daily with priority given to postgrads and postdocs (following Government guidance – e.g. 2m social distance, hand hygiene and all vaccinated).
- Botany photocopier is now available following good hand hygiene
- As soon as we have confirmation that windows can be opened the Botany Library will be available to book meetings and tutorials of a maximum of 4 people. Initially, only one morning and one afternoon meeting slot will be available daily.

Social Events

- Outdoor social events are permitted
- Indoor social events are not permitted
- Outdoor social event at the Pav. are permitted with a booking and time limit of 1.45 hours