

University of Strathclyde Department of Physics



Induction for staff and students returning to work in the John Anderson building

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Arrangements for social distancing, cleaning and hygiene in relation to COVID 19:

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Health

Only staff and students who are not showing signs of illness will be permitted to work in the John Anderson building.

If you are unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature and loss of smell or taste before coming into work or live with someone that has symptoms you should not attend and inform your line manager or PI.

If you become ill in work you will be sent home immediately.

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect/

Health



High risk groups

Some groups of people are considered to be at extremely high risk of severe illness with coronavirus (COVID-19) and should rigorously follow shielding measures.

This is to protect them from coming into contact with the virus.

Those identified should not leave their home to come to work. NHS Scotland will have provided you with a letter if you have a condition that requires you to shield.

Advice on extremely high risk groups can be found here: <u>https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-</u> poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-physical-distancing

Health



Increased risk groups

People who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus should strictly follow social distancing measures adopted by the University.

Prior to returning to work individuals should discuss their duties and changes to the work environment with their PI/line manager, to ensure they understand how they can maintain social distancing. If there are any work activities where the 2 metre distancing cannot be achieved, then a risk assessment must be carried out.

Advice on higher risk groups can be found here: https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-physical-distancing

Working Hours



Normal working hours are between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

It is possible to get out-of-hours access (up to 10pm on weekdays and weekend access, 8am-6pm) to complete experimental tasks that cannot be achieved during normal working hours. Staff/PGRs need to be approved in advance for this level of access (their cards need to be activated for this) and requests, justifying the need, should be submitted to John Gillan. This out-of-hours access scheme will proceed on a trial basis.

You must liaise with your PI or line manager to confirm the hours you will be timetable to work

General access will not be allowed and Out of Hours `Red Card` Access is **suspended until further notice**

Entering and exiting the JA building

Enter and exit the John Anderson building via the main back door on Level 1 or the main front door on level 5 only. Access card should be used when entering and exiting through either of these doors.

One person entering at a time ensuring social distancing. Please stand 2 metres apart while waiting to enter.

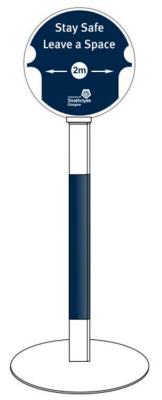
The new corridor interlock swipe access doors on levels 1,2,6,7,&8 will be active for Track and Trace purposes.

Wash your hands in the sinks provide in the toilets or use hand sanitiser immediately after entering the building.

Fire Exits and Evacuations

All fire door exits remain operational as per normal (pre Covid 19) circumstances. Fire exit doors should only be used for emergency evacuation of the building.





Occupancy register

All individuals must register their presence in the building and individual rooms using the Ulab system <u>https://www.ulabequipment.com</u>. Please do this before arrival, for example during the preceding day.

Basic guide to using ULab to register your attendance:

To enable booking rights if you are not already a ULab user:

1. Register on the site with your University DS login;

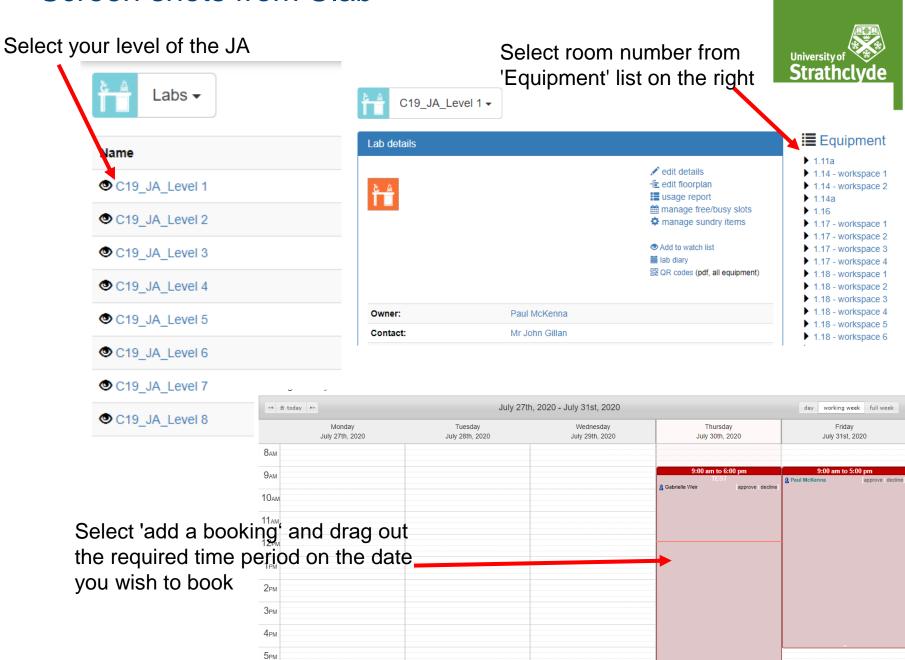
2. Email <u>safety@phys.strath.ac.uk</u> to confirm you are registered. You will then be authorised for the relevant labs.

Once you are an authorised user:

- Click on 'Search' in top right of screen
- Type C19 into the search field and hit [search]
- Scroll down and select the level of the JA building that you will be present in
- Select room number from the 'Equipment' list (on the right side)
- Click on the Booking link at the bottom of the screen
- Select 'add a booking'

In the event of difficulty using the Ulab portal, send an email to <u>safety@phys.strath.ac.uk</u> with details of your presence in the building

Screen shots from Ulab



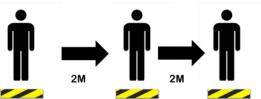
Moving around the JA building

Two persons will be allowed in each lift at any given time. If waiting for a lift please following social distancing floor signs. Please use stairs where possible.

Stairs can all be used in both directions by keeping to the left side and following a 'give way' protocol where possible (i.e. wait on the floor between stair cases to give way to individuals approaching).

Keep to the left in corridors and follow a 'give way' protocol where possible. Follow any 'one way' systems in place (e.g. in narrow corridors or stair wells) – see the following slides.

Please stay at least 2 metres apart from other people at all times, including when entering the building, going through doors and when using the card access readers.



PLEASE KEEP 2 METRES APART



Obey signage

Door signs:

















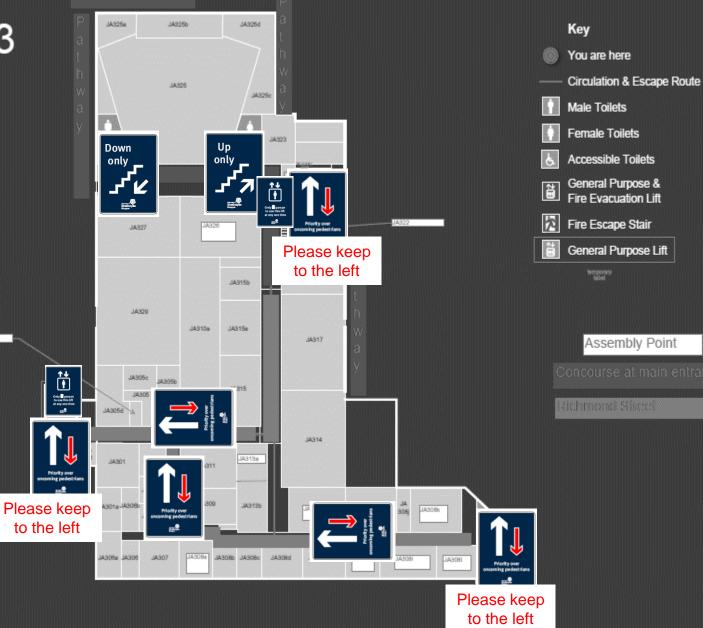


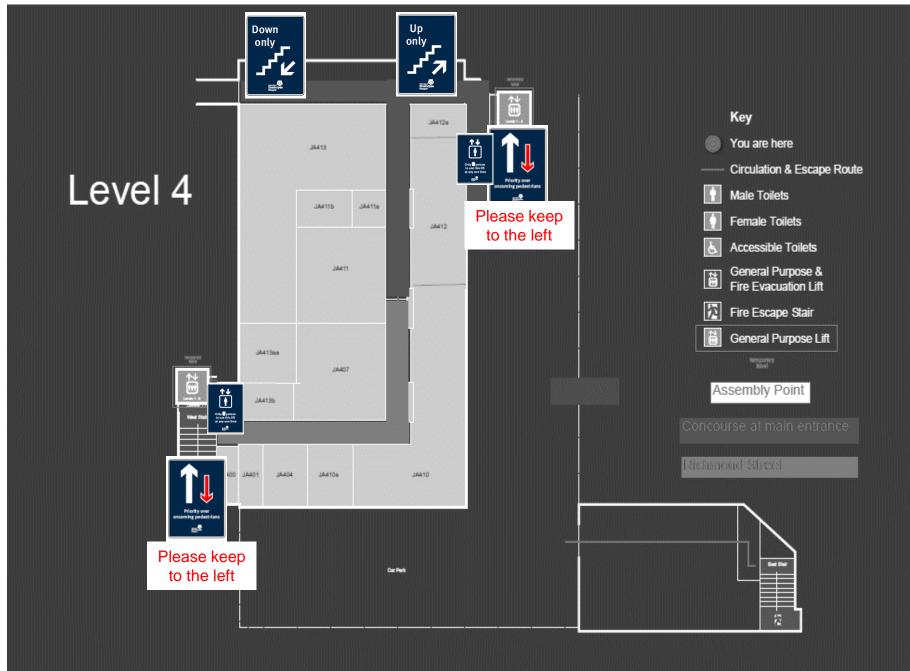
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Assembly Point





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Fire safety

On Hearing the Fire Alarm

- Leave the building immediately by the nearest exit
- Do not social distance during evacuation.
- Close doors as you leave.
- Lifts must not be used.
- Wait at assembly point outside the building staying 2 metres apart.
- Do not re-enter the building until you are told to so by security staff.

Please ensure you have completed the online Fire Safety Awareness course. This is on Myplace and takes ~10 minutes to complete. To find it:

- sign in to classes.myplace.strath.ac.uk
- click "Find a Class" at top and search for "fire safety awareness"
- review the online slides and complete the quiz.







Security staff are the default First Aiders on campus and can be contacted on Ext. 2222

Existing procedures for summoning First Aid should be followed

All First Aiders must wear appropriate PPE/RPE when administering First Aid Assistance.

Physical distancing in other parts of the John Anderson building



Social Areas

The 2 m physical distance rule applies to all areas.

Kitchen hubs

Only 1 person will be allowed in at a time. Please follow a 'one in, one out' protocol.

Toilets

Only 1 person will be allowed in at a time. Please knock the door and call before entering.

Lifts

Two persons will be allowed in each lift at a time.

Photocopy room

One person will be allowed in the photocopy room at a time.

Hygiene, Behaviour & Cleaning

Maintain physical distancing at all times (2m, no handshaking etc.



- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer
- Follow personal hygiene etiquette when coughing or sneezing & dispose of tissues immediately afterwards, then wash hands
- Wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces
- Enhanced hygiene and cleaning regimes for high contact points initiated.





Hygiene, Behaviour & Cleaning



- Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are touched regularly.
- Clean work areas and items before and after use by using disinfectant spray, leaving for a few minutes then wiping with blue paper towel or using disinfectant wipes.
- When spraying liquid disinfectant avoid spraying near face and directly onto electrical equipment.
- Avoid direct hand contact with eyes, nose and mouth during cleaning.
- Desk Areas and Meeting Rooms Clean desk area before and after use
- Social Areas Clean table and chair before and after use
- **Kitchens** Clean sinks, drinking taps, door handles and kettles before and after using and touching
- Labs Clean benches and chairs before and after use





Food and Drink

Do not bring in food that has to be heated. Do not share food and drink. Avoid leaving food open and exposed. Do not share cutlery or crockery.

Shower Room

Clean shower before and after use and remove personal toiletries.

Meeting/Office Rooms

All bookings have been suspended. Meeting rooms will be used for office space. Clean the room before and after use.

PPE and Non-PPE

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Gloves



• Disposable nitrile gloves should not be worn when moving between laboratories and other parts of the building.

Face Coverings

• Face coverings that are shop bought or home made are not PPE. They are encouraged on campus and should be worn in relation to mandatory requirements such as on public transport. They should be worn when people are moving about the University in corridors and indoor communal areas (including toilets) as well as other areas of campus where 2 metre physical distancing cannot be guaranteed. If a face covering becomes wet or soiled when you are using it, it should be replaced immediately with a clean one. Reusable face coverings should be washed after use,

- If you are unable to wear a face covering, a face visor or face shield can be worn as it does provide a limited level of protection.
- Face coverings should not be worn in laboratories if they impede with other safety measures in place.

Disposable gloves

Follow specific COSHH and risk assessments for use of gloves for individual tasks.

Safe removal of disposable gloves:





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Face masks

Face masks are not recommended for normal spaced working (2 metres) but are additional PPE required for working in shared small space small rooms (under 2 metres).

You will be required to wear a surgical mask type IIR in areas where the 2 metre physical distance cannot be maintained.

2 or more person manual handling tasks require a minimum of a type IIR mask but require a separate risk assessment to be carried out.



Applying and removing your face covering

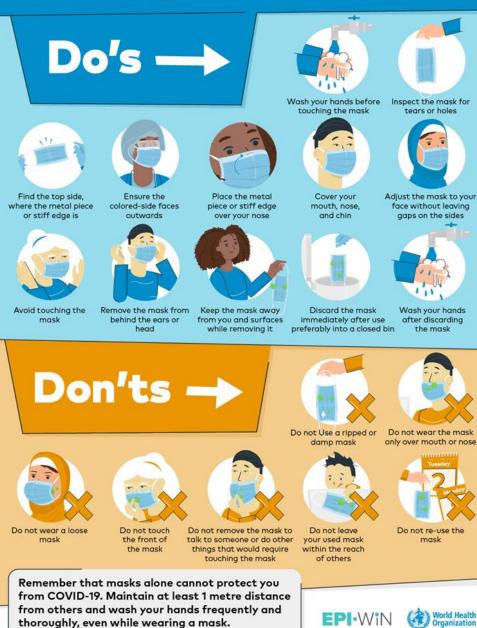


When applying or removing the covering, it is important that you first wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and avoid touching your face, or use hand sanitiser if hand washing facilities are not available. When wearing your face covering:

- Ensure it is clean and functional;
- Ensure the face covering fits well and covers your mouth, nose and chin;
- Do not share your face covering with anyone else;
- Be mindful of those who have different communication, health and disability needs (see Section 4.6);
- Replace it with PPE, if this has been identified by risk assessment.

HOW TO WEAR A MEDICAL MASK SAFELY

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Monitoring & Compliance



The consequences of illness from Covid-19 can be very serious for some individuals and there is a moral and legal requirement for everyone to help to contain its transmission.

By monitoring compliance, we can:

- Evaluate how effective the safety measures are arrangements are working;
- How well these measures are being complied with;
- What needs to be changed, enhanced or enforced more actively;
- What (if any) new risks are arising;
- Use feedback from others for review and improve our arrangements; and
- Report back to relevant parties and management on our progress

Compliance monitoring will be carried out by the completion of various daily and weekly inspections, checklists and reviews.

Declaration



Please now send an email to safety@phys.strath.ac.uk to confirm that you have viewed and understood the information in this induction presentation and the SOP document outlining the new working arrangements in the John Anderson building.

Please remember to complete the University's COVID-19 Staff Return to Campus Checklist and Agreement and the Return to Campus Health Self-Assessment.

Further information:

- Signage displayed around the building
- Department safety communications
- Line mangers and group leaders
- John Gillan (Deputy Safety Convener) and Adrian Cross (Departmental Safety Convener)