

## UNDERSTANDING THE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS (22.09.20)

The health and safety of our staff and students remains the University's number one priority. As a member of the Northumbria Community, you have a role to play in keeping you and your community safe, coming Together Against COVID-19.

This simple overview aims to set out the restrictions as they currently stand and help explain what they mean for you as Northumbria student.

### What are the local restrictions?

- You should not socialise with people outside your household.
- When socialising with members of your household, be aware that leisure and entertainment venues will only provide table service and will close at 10pm.
- You should only use public transport for essential travel, such as travelling into campus or work.

### What is a household?

- A household depends on the shape and living facilities within it. For those buildings with cluster flats (with en-suite rooms) a household will be made up of all those residents who have a share a kitchen facility.
- In more traditional halls of residence, a household constitutes those living on each floor who have shared washing and kitchen facilities.
- For those living in private accommodation, for example a shared house in the community, that is considered your household.
- People from other households should not currently enter your household at any time, regardless of the number of people you live with.
- You may socialise with other students in your accommodation in social spaces, abiding by social distancing rules.

### How does the Rule of Six apply?

- When out in the community you must not gather in groups of more than six, and it should only be with people from your household.
- You should not mix with other households either indoors or outdoors, regardless of the size of the group.

### Consequences

- The health and safety of our staff, students and wider community is the number one priority for the University.
- When you registered/enrolled you will have been asked to abide by a student code of conduct which included expected levels of behaviour.
- So, we take incidences of rule-breaking extremely seriously and breaches of these rules may result in disciplinary action against you, which could result in fines and in the most serious cases suspension or removal from your course.
- Police also have a wide range of powers to implement these rules, including fines of £200, rising to £3,200 for six or more offences.
- Fines have already been issued by the police against students, for taking part in activities which are against these guidelines.
- Additionally, organisers of illegal gatherings, such as house parties, can be fined up to £10,000.

### Help & Support in place for you

- We know that it's easy to be confused by all the guidance that is currently out there! So, if you are unsure of whether someone is breaking the rules in your accommodation you should speak with the help desk in your building.
- You can contact security through on 0191 227 3999 or you can download the SafeZone app, which can be used to contact security and alert local emergency services if you are in danger.
- Follow the University on social media to keep up to date with the latest guidance.

**Thank you all for your co-operation as we come together against COVID-19.**



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