

Renting a Room in a shared house gives rise to further consideration amid the coronavirus outbreak and relies on a certain amount of communication and responsible conduct between all occupiers to keep everyone safe and well.

- If you live with others and you are the first in the household to have symptoms of coronavirus, then you must stay at home for 7 days, but all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- For anyone else in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.
- It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- When cleaning you should use your usual household products, like detergents and bleach, as these will be very effective at getting rid of the virus on surfaces. Clean frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, handrails, remote controls and table tops. This is particularly important if you have an older or vulnerable person in the house
- Personal waste (such as used tissues) and disposable cleaning cloths can be stored securely within disposable rubbish bags. These bags should be placed into another bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste. This should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in your usual external household waste bin

Returning travellers

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from any other country in the last 14 days, even if you do not have symptoms

Sharing a bathroom

If a self-isolated renter shares a loo, then set up a rota so that self-isolated person uses the bathroom last for washing. They should not use towels anyone else uses and should clean the bathroom thoroughly before leaving.

Sharing a kitchen

The self-isolated person should wear a face mask, use the kitchen after everyone else and take their food back to their room. The best way to wash up is with a dishwasher. Crockery should not be shared.

STAY SAFE!

PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST CORONAVIRUS



1. Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness



2. Wear gloves, wash or change them daily



3. Wash your hands

4. Wash your towels if they have touched your hands



5. Avoid touching doorknobs and banisters

6. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze



7. Wear a surgical mask. They are, however, not that effective and must be changed daily

8. Cook food thoroughly

