

**Weekly Covid-19 Update for Students: 8th Week Michaelmas
04/12/20**

Well done everyone – we made it. It's been even more exhausting than a normal Michaelmas, but way that most of you have approached its challenges with wisdom and sense of shared responsibility has been a source of constant pride to the Somerville community.

As you can see from this week's numbers, all your work has paid off. From our peak in the middle of term, we, at the time of writing, have no Covid-19 cases in college, households self-isolating, or anyone awaiting test results. While we all know how fast the situation can change with Covid-19 and we cannot rest in our efforts to control the virus, this is nonetheless a fantastic achievement, one we have all worked hard for.

It is especially reassuring to see at the same time as many of you begin to leave Oxford for the vacation. Things have moved rapidly in the last couple of weeks regarding arrangements for going home; for staying during the vacation; and, more recently, for returning in Hilary.

The University have created a Christmas vacation website, which acts as a one-stop shop for all of the latest information about the arrangements this vacation, which you can find here: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus/students/christmas-vacation>. We urge you to visit and read through, but of course if you have any questions at the college level please get in touch with us.

This is the last weekly Covid-19 update for this term, but we will pick up again in Hilary as you come back into residence; we hope they have been helpful to you. All that's left to say then, is we hope you have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Keep well!