

# Snapshot of safety and health at work

**Highlighting the collective efforts and achievements from staff across the University of Bristol as we responded to new health and safety challenges during a year like no other.**

## Working from home

- 5,000+ staff completed a new e-learning module that includes advice on homeworking.
- 1,000+ requests for homeworking equipment and furniture reviewed, processed and delivered, with all risks evaluated and bespoke advice given.
- Support from Occupational Health to manage complex issues.





## Travel

- Global Travel Approval system developed and SafeZone app launched, helping keep staff and students safe when they are travelling as part of their work or studies.



## Drones

- Drone Safety Group set up to help drone operations take place safely and in line with national and international aviation requirements.



## Chemical

- 6,000 litres of hand sanitiser produced and distributed by a team led by School of Chemistry and supported by Safety and Health Services and Campus Division.



## Biological

- One of the first research applications for work with COVID-19 reviewed and regulator successfully notified, allowing research with global importance to take place in a high containment (CL3) facility on our Clifton campus.
- Bespoke training for working safely in high containment facilities such as those used for staff handling COVID-19 material was delivered in collaboration with HSE.



## Accidents

- Positive safety culture among staff highlighted by increased near miss reporting despite changing work arrangements.
- Incident rates reduced from an average of 47 incidents per month pre-lockdown to an average of 12 per month during the lockdown period.



## Occupational health

- Adapting to online student health screenings, virtual referral appointments and a welcome video for new Faculty of Health students.
- New health promotions and collaborations including skincare resources and new hygiene stations for Engineering workshops.



## Working in the sun

- Sun Check campaign with a selection of resources helping staff manage workplace health in the sun.



## Fire

- Maintaining fire safety statutory compliance in University buildings even during building closures and adapting training refreshers for fire wardens.



## Radiation

- Enabling research activities with radioactive sources to continue and maintaining regulatory inspections by the Environment Agency and Office for Nuclear Regulation.

# Responding to COVID-19

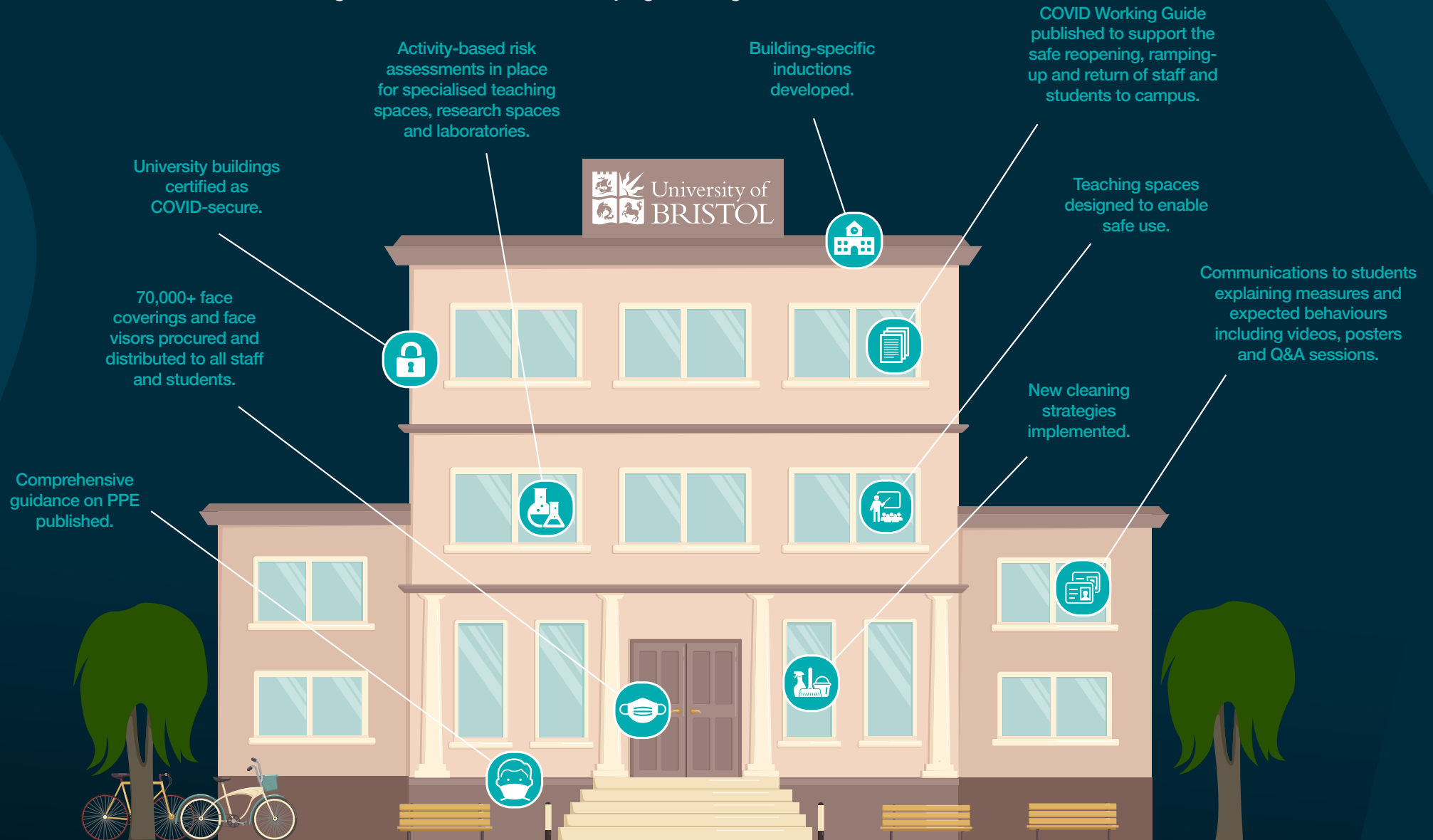
COVID-19 tested the effectiveness of our health and safety management system. As a University, we:

- **Adapted our roles** and responsibilities to provide accessible support to Academic Schools and Professional Services Divisions.
- **Applied our knowledge** and understanding of health and safety practice to create local and institutional guidance to manage the risk of transmission.
- **Recognised our experts** and utilised their expertise to help manage public health risks and meet a complex and ever-changing set of governmental and sector guidance.



# Building on our foundations

Safety and Health Services used key elements of the self-verification assurance assessment to provide assurance of the local management of risks when certifying buildings COVID-secure.





**It is testimony to the skills and experience of colleagues across the University that we were able to respond so quickly to ever-changing public health legislation and government guidance, to provide competent advice and support.**

**Jason Parr** Head of Health and Safety

# Thank you

- **15** Safety & Health Services staff contributing to the delivery of expert advice and guidance for managing safety and occupational health risks.
- **150+** safety champions such as SSAs and technical staff responding to COVID challenges, educating staff and students locally.
- **55** DSE equipment co-ordinators supporting homeworking equipment delivery.
- **35** new first aiders who joined our existing 300 qualified first aid volunteers.
- **8,000** staff members across the University who each play a crucial role in maintaining good health and safety at work.