

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What if a student tests positive?

Participating staff and students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified.

Students will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). The College will be able to provide these PCR test kits to perform at home or they can go to www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test, they should choose to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test. During this time while they wait for the PCR result (via text / email) they will need to self-isolate. If the PCR test returns a positive result they will have to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

They will be able to stay in college and resume their activities as normal. The proof of the negative test result will need to be sent to studentscovid@sccb.ac.uk.

A student will only be told if they test positive on a 'lateral flow' test, so if you do not hear you can assume it was negative. A small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

What if a close contact at school/college tests positive?

A close contact of someone in college who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be able to return to college if they agree to be tested once a day for 7 days and the test is negative. If they do not want to take the test, they will need to self-isolate as per the national guidelines. This does not apply to household members or close contacts outside of college who will still need to self-isolate. Further details will be provided at the time, but if students would prefer to self-isolate instead of doing daily testing, they can.

What if my son / daughter develops symptoms?

This testing programme at college is for people with no symptoms. If your son / daughter develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and call 119 to book a test by phone or visit the GOV.UK website to [book a test online](#).