Coronavirus information for College Students (September/Oct 2020)

For general advice about COVID-19 and the symptoms to look for go to: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

You or someone in your household/residence, develops symptoms of COVID-19 (new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If you are at your home/residence, do not go into College. Inform College via normal absence reporting.

If you develop symptoms whilst at College, you will be separated from others and sent home/residence.

If you, or anyone in your household, has symptoms they must isolate at home for 10 days (from date of onset of symptoms). If you do not have symptoms but someone in the household does, you and all other household members without symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days.

Book a test as soon as possible for anyone in your household/residence with symptoms. This can be done online at: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Alternatively a test can be ordered by phone on NHS 119 for those without the internet.

Your closest test location will be offered when you book. If you don't drive, do not get a taxi or public transport to the test centre, you can request a home test kit.

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message).

Inform College of result as soon as possible.

Negative

You can return to College once well.

If you are identified as having been in close contact with a confirmed case, you may need to self-isolate for 14 days. If you develop symptoms, you should isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and arrange to be tested.

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

Positive

Inform College of positive test result through absence reporting, they will ask you to help them identify your close contacts during the 48 hours before you got symptoms.

Ensure you complete the remainder of 10 day isolation period (from date of onset of symptoms). Household members without symptoms should complete 14 day isolation.

NHS test and trace service will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited.

If you are a confirmed case you can return to College after 10 days. However if you still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick, you should wait a further 48 hours after these symptoms stop.