

1 March 2021



## COVID-19 testing for Students

Dear Student, Parent or Guardian

Following previous communications regarding the college re-opening on 8 March and Covid-19 testing, this letter is to provide you more information about the testing programme at CRC from 3 March 2021 and details on how to book a test. There is a lot of information so please take time to read it carefully.

As you are aware, we are to test students 3 times during the next few weeks. Although testing is not mandatory, we strongly encourage you to provide consent if you haven't already so that we can minimise the risks to our college community.

### Your consent

Before you can be tested on site you must give your consent. This can be done here at any time. You should use your EBS login and you only need to give consent once and this will enable you to be tested as many times as necessary. When signing in to give your consent please use your usual EBS credentials, do **NOT** create a new account. If you need a reminder of your username/or password reset please contact [AccountSupport@camre.ac.uk](mailto:AccountSupport@camre.ac.uk). *Please note that you will not receive notification that consent has been received. By clicking "Save" your consent has been logged.*

You can read about how we keep your data secure here: <https://www.camre.ac.uk/about/policies-reports/privacy-notice/>

### Initial return to college testing

We are initially contacting all students returning to on-site learning during the week commencing 8 March. We strongly encourage all students to attend either the Cambridge or Huntingdon campus to have a Covid-19 test before they return to studying at the campus. We have therefore opened our testing centres from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March to enable as much testing as possible to take place before the staff and students return to site. Students will need to make their own arrangements for travelling to the College for their test and should expect to be on site for approximately 10 minutes.

Please book for your first test using one of the following links for the campus and the day you wish to attend. This will take you to the booking page so that you can select a time to attend.

#### Cambridge Campus

[Wednesday 3 March](#)

[Thursday 4 March](#)

[Friday 5 March](#)

[Saturday 6 March](#)

[Sunday 7 March](#)

#### Huntingdon Campus

[Wednesday 3 March](#)

[Thursday 4 March](#)

[Friday 5 March](#)

[Saturday 6 March](#)

[Sunday 7 March](#)

As testing capacity is limited it is unlikely that we will be able to test anyone who attends without booking an appointment.

The following two tests do not need to be booked as these will be scheduled to take place during the day when students are studying on site.

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#### CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS

King's Hedges Road  
Cambridge  
CB4 2QT  
Tel: 01223 418200

#### HUNTINGDON CAMPUS

California Road  
Huntingdon  
PE29 1BL  
Tel: 01480 379100

w: [www.camre.ac.uk](http://www.camre.ac.uk)  
e: [enquiry@camre.ac.uk](mailto:enquiry@camre.ac.uk)

Mark Robertson  
**Principal and Chief Executive**  
Heather Du Quesnay CBE  
**Chair of Governors**

## Some information for you about the process and your responsibilities

- Upon making your booking for a test you will receive an e-mail informing you of the location of the centre and instructions for the test.
- Please ensure that you take with you your student ID badge and a smartphone if you have one and arrive 5 minutes before your appointment time for registration.
- The tests are carried out on individuals who do not have Covid symptoms to see if they have Covid but are unaware of it.
- You may need to wait in a line for a few minutes, you must keep your mask on and keep socially distanced.
- When you get into the testing station you will be asked:
  - If you are currently experiencing any Covid19 symptoms
  - For your ID badge
  - If you have consented
  - If you have a Smartphone (if you don't you will be provided access to one for the purposes of registering)
- You will be asked to access the NHS website on your phone (or on a college device) and to register your information on this site.
- You will need to give your name, date of birth, ethnicity, gender, postcode, email and phone number. This is so you can be contacted by NHS track and trace with your result.
- The College will also tell you your result by text later today.
- You will take the test yourself. Someone will be there to help you and to explain what to do
- The whole process should take about **ten** minutes.
- After your test you must continue to wear your mask and keep socially distanced until you leave the site.  
*Please Note: Unless you have permission to attend the campus to study you should only attend the testing centre for your covid test and leave the premises immediately.*

## Further testing

Students will complete a total of three tests on site. Following completion of those tests they will be provided with home testing kits for personal use, to enable twice-weekly testing. Details will follow regarding distribution of test kits and how to record the results.

## How the tests work

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff and volunteers. The lateral flow device tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with the individual participant via a text message.

If you are feeling anxious about taking a test you may find it helpful to watch [this useful video demonstration](#).

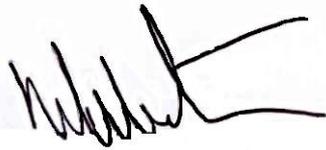
### What if staff or students develop symptoms?

A reminder that this testing programme at college is for people with no symptoms. If anyone 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 book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Further information on covid-testing and FAQ's can [be found here](#).

We will continue to support our staff and students throughout this process, and provide more information as it becomes available.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Robertson', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

**Mark Robertson**  
**Principal/CEO Cambridge Regional College**