

ACCESS TO CAMPUSES & SALIVA TESTING

Dear colleagues/students,

We've put the following guidance together to help students and staff understand when they should participate in the saliva testing programme this term and what is required to access our campuses.

We have a collective responsibility to do all we can to protect one another when on campus, and this includes participating in the saliva testing programme.

The information below supersedes previous advice.

Staff working on campus who are not already registered for the testing programme can opt in at www.southampton.ac.uk/stafftesting

UG, PGT and PGR students who are not already registered for the testing programme can opt in at www.southampton.gov.uk/covid19students

Students and staff who are returning to the local area:

	What to do before coming to campus for the first time
UG/PGT students coming from within the UK (or a Travel Corridor country)	If you are a UG/PGT student who has arrived in Southampton/Winchester from elsewhere in the UK (or a Travel Corridor country), you should receive two negative test results before visiting campus for the first time.
UG/PGT students coming from overseas and required to quarantine in line with Government guidance	If you are a UG/PGT student who has arrived in Southampton/Winchester from overseas , you should receive one negative test result before visiting campus for the first time, after completing your period of quarantine. If you do a private test through an accredited 'Test to Release' provider to reduce your quarantine period, and the test is negative, you should recommence regular saliva testing in line with your text message instructions, but still wait until your first negative saliva test result before visiting campus for the first time (other than to drop off your sample).
Staff and PGR students coming from within the UK (or a Travel Corridor country)	You are strongly encouraged to participate in the saliva testing programme in order to minimise risk to yourself, your colleagues and your family. There are no specific requirements for accessing campus for the first time if you are an essential worker.
Staff and PGR students coming from overseas and required to quarantine in line with Government guidance	You are strongly encouraged to participate in the saliva testing programme and one negative test is recommended if you return to Southampton/Winchester from overseas (after your quarantine period). There are no specific requirements for accessing campus for the first time if you are an essential worker.

N.B. Returning students can access campus for the sole reason of **dropping off a test** prior to receiving two negative tests.

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Ongoing testing participation and access to campuses for students and staff:

	Saliva testing participation	What you should do to access campus
Staff and PGR students who need to work on campus (essential/critical workers)	You are strongly encouraged to participate in the saliva testing programme and follow text message instructions. If you have registered for the programme you will be invited to test once or twice a week.	You are strongly encouraged to participate in the saliva testing programme. There are no specific requirements for accessing campus if you are an essential worker.
Staff and PGR students who do not need to work on campus	You should stop testing while in lockdown.	N/A
UG/PGT students who need to be on campus	Participation in the testing programme is mandatory to access campuses. Please follow your text message instructions.	Ensure you are up to date with your saliva tests. Do not come onto campus if you test positive. If you commute to the University, we understand that you may find it harder to drop off samples before attending campus for your education. We ask you to be extra vigilant before visiting and to drop off your tests as regularly as possible.
UG/PGT students who do not need to be on campus	You can continue to participate if you can safely access a drop off point that is local to you by walking or cycling. Follow your text message instructions.	N/A

IMPORTANT:

- **Proof of test** should not be requested by line managers or supervisors. The Saliva testing team will provide data on positive tests to Health, Safety & Risk who will cross reference these against the student and staff COVID reporting forms submitted via Service Now. Any ambiguities will be investigated and pursued, engaging with the saliva testing team, Student Services, line managers, etc as necessary.
- Students who are undertaking a **placement** and do not need to return to campus should follow the guidance provided to them by the placement provider. Placement providers may request that such students are tested beforehand.
- If a UG/PGT student does **not wish to participate** in the testing programme then they should not attempt to return to campus but stay where they are and continue to learn online. The same applies if they have symptoms of COVID or have tested positive.
- Government guidance states that PGR students should be treated as staff for the purposes of testing and access to campus. However, when registering for the testing programme, **PGR students should use the student registration form** and their student (not staff, if they have both) ID number.