Privacy Statement

This statement supplements the participant information for the University of Cambridge Asymptomatic COVID-19 Screening Programme and, as required by law, describes how your personal data will be used, handled and shared as part of the programme. Most of the information applies solely to students who choose to participate, but some personal data is used even for those who do not participate (e.g. to notify them of pooled test results).

1. The results of your pooled and, where applicable, individual tests will be sent to you using your University of Cambridge email address or your mobile phone number (by text message).

2. Responsible staff within the University and your College will have access to your personal data only when necessary and will protect your rights and personal privacy. They will be informed of your participation in the programme, together with pooled and your individual test results (both positive and negative).

3. In the event of a positive screening test, information held by the University of Cambridge (including your University of Cambridge email address details) will be passed on to Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to register on its electronic health records systems Epic and MyChart.

4. Your individual test results will be reported to Public Health England and used in accordance with their standard COVID-19 management procedures. In the event of a positive individual test, you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and relevant information about you held by the University of Cambridge may be passed on to the East of England Health Protection Teams and Local Authority Public Health Team for COVID-19 contact tracing and outbreak management purposes.

5. Personal data collected about the programme may be processed to support monitoring and evaluation of this programme, and for research in the public interest by the University of Cambridge and other researchers. Wherever possible, this will be done using pseudonymised information (i.e. information with your identifying details separated and not passed on). If any data is presented or published, the data will be fully anonymous, without any means of identifying you. Researchers will abide by codes of ethical conduct.

6. Personal information will be retained for as long as necessary to support the response to the current pandemic, and pseudonymised information will be retained thereafter for scientific research purposes, even if you withdraw from the programme.

7. The lawful bases under applicable privacy legislation (principally the General Data Protection Regulation) for using your personal data in the above ways are to perform a task in the public interest and to meet the University’s and wider community’s legitimate interests. With regard to any medical information about you (which compromise your special categories of personal data), this data processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, for medical purposes and for scientific research purposes in the public interest.

8. As well as the University, the Colleges, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and local and national NHS/public health authorities as applicable, the testing programme
involves colleagues from AstraZeneca. However, AstraZeneca will not have access to any information that identifies you as an individual; appropriate contractual arrangements are in place to ensure the security and confidentiality of your data.

9. General information about the use of your personal data as a student at the University of Cambridge, including your rights, is published at https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/student-data.