UoC Asymptomatic COVID-19 Screening Programme: Easter Term Week 1 (26th April – 2nd May 2021)

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Participation

All 31 Colleges of the University of Cambridge and 5 Houses of the Cambridge Theological Federation participated in the screening programme.

We estimate that there are currently **11,900** students present in Cambridge **and** resident in College accommodation. Approximately **89%** of these students have agreed to participate in the screening programme, of whom **55%** contributed a swab.

Some students participating in the programme who did not contribute a swab may have had COVID-19 in the preceding 90 days, or be participating in NHS screening as a clinical medical student.

Students screened

All participating students present in Cambridge and resident in either College **or** private accommodation were invited to take part, provided they did not meet pre-determined exclusion criteria.

2,120 pooled samples were received and processed at the testing facility. Of these, **5** were reported as "void" (due to sample leakage).

In total, **6,474** students contributed to pooled sample collection and received valid results.

Results

The final pooled screening test results were:

Result	Number	%
Positive	0	0%
Negative	2,115	100%
Total	2,115	100%

Additionally, **227** asymptomatic students were screened individually, for example on their return to Cambridge, and did not participate in pooled sample collection. **0** students tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.

Based on these data, we did not identify any asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection amongst students screened in the last week.

Summary for all students

Week	No. students screened	No. confirmed positive cases	Weekly incidence*
8th-14th Mar	4,330	0	-
15th-21st Mar	4,181	0	-
22nd-28th Mar	4,022	0	-
29th Mar-4th Apr	3,494	0	-
5th-11th Apr	3,267	0	-
12th-18th Apr	4,070	0	-
19th-25th Apr	5,167	4	0.08%
26th Apr-2nd May	**6,701**	**0**	**-**

*asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection amongst screened students