What to expect – Michaelmas Term 2021

Any time (essential preparation before your first swab day)

- Review the information on our website, and complete the online consent form
- Let us know if you have consented to participate in the programme, but won’t be participating for any reason, by completing the online ‘Report exclusion’ form
- Ensure you know who is in your household and testing pool. Discuss with other members of your household and, if in doubt, check with your College. This may change week-to-week if people move accommodation, or leave or join the programme
- Decide who will be your pool lead and (preferably) nominated deputy

Day -1 (the day before your swab day)

- You will receive a reminder email, telling you who is in your testing pool, and who should (or should not) take part in pooled sample collection (swabbing) that week
- A pooled test kit should be collected by your pool lead (or nominated deputy). These are supplied in brown envelopes with blue logos, and will be distributed by your College
- Arrange a mutually convenient time and place for pooled sample collection (swabbing) on the morning of your swab day (allowing enough time to drop the sample off at the designated College collection point or drop-box!)

Day 0 (your swab day)

- Take part in pooled sample collection (swabbing), following the protocol on our website
- All students in the testing pool who contribute a swab must also scan the QR code or follow the weblink on the test kit envelope
- Samples should be delivered to the designated College collection point or drop-box by your pool lead (or nominated deputy)

Day +1 (the day after your swab day)

- You will receive your pooled screening test result by text message at around 9AM. If you have not provided a mobile number, your College will contact you later with your result
- When a pooled screening test is negative, there is nothing to do until the following week
- When a pooled screening test is positive, the students who contributed swabs will be asked to self-isolate immediately, and perform individual confirmatory tests. Individual test kits are supplied in white envelopes, and will distributed by your College
- Your College will be informed of your results and provide support if you need to self-isolate

Day +2 (only relevant following a positive pooled screening test)

- Results of individual confirmatory tests will be sent by text message at around 9AM, together with further guidance on the duration of self-isolation. If you have not provided a mobile number, your College will contact you later with your result
- In a small number of scenarios, a second round of individual tests will be required
- Your College will be informed of your results and provide support if you need to self-isolate