

Dear Colleagues,

Many of you will have seen today's national news reports regarding government proposals to test students for Covid-19 (and then switch to online teaching) in the weeks before Christmas.

While these latest government changes are for the safety and health of us all, you will understand that there is obviously a lot of detail that first needs to be worked through.

- Firstly, we are making every effort to ensure we can continue offering a high-quality teaching experience during this period, and will be liaising with each department internally.
- Secondly, we are making plans for the voluntary testing of students in an organised and safe way.

These requests have only recently been discussed with the university sector, so I ask for patience while we liaise with relevant government offices and health authorities to finalise our plans. I will be writing to you again to explain the next steps.

The University remains a safe place to learn because of your continual efforts across this semester, and I want to thank you all personally for remaining vigilant.

Best,  
Professor Jane Longmore, Vice-Chancellor