

1st March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Connell Co-op College will begin mass testing of all students from Monday 8th March and normal lessons will resume on Tuesday 9th March. The day-by-day arrangements are outlined below:

In order to be tested at College a student must complete [this Google Form](#). **Bookings for testing on Monday 8th of March will close this Thursday at 4pm.** Booking forms for the next mass testing days will be made available from next week.

Students must not come to college if they or anyone in their household has symptoms that might be Covid-19. Last term 2,000 days were lost due to students attending college when a member of their household was symptomatic.

We strongly encourage all students to take part in mass testing. Mass testing is designed to identify asymptomatic cases that would otherwise lead to infection within our community.

From Tuesday 9th March it will be the expectation that masks are worn by all staff and students throughout the building, including in lessons up until the Easter holidays. If you have a medical exemption, please contact Ali Grady, ali.grady@coopacademies.co.uk so that you can be issued with a pass.

We need everyone to be responsible and 'do the right thing'.

Date	Arrangements
Monday 8th March	Mass testing for all students Students book an appointment for their test No lessons or other activities take place on site Learning takes place remotely with no live content
Tuesday 9th March - Thursday 11th March	Normal teaching and learning resumes on site according to the normal timetable
Friday 12th March	Mass testing for all students Students book an appointment for their test (link to be sent next week) No lessons or other activities take place on site Learning takes place remotely with no live content
Monday 15th March - Tuesday 16th March	Normal teaching and learning resumes on site according to the normal timetable
Wednesday 17th March	Mass testing for all students Students book an appointment for their test (link to be sent next week) No lessons or other activities take place on site Learning takes place remotely with no live content
Thursday 18th March onwards	Normal teaching and learning resumes on site according to the normal timetable Home testing kits will be issued to students No more mass testing on site

Thursday 1st April	Last day in college before the Easter break
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FAQs

What happens if my test result is positive? You will receive your test results by text message direct from the NHS around 30 - 60 minutes after completing your test. We will also follow this up with a phone call to make sure you are aware of your result. You and your household need to isolate for 10 days from the date of your positive result. And follow the guidance from Public health England.

What are the rules on the testing day?

- Do not come if you or anyone in your household is symptomatic
- Arrive at your allocated appointment time
- Maintain a distance of 2m between yourself and any other individual - if you do not do this, you could end up having to isolate yourself for 10 days and miss the return to college.
- Wear your mask throughout your time in College

How long will the test at college take? We expect you to be onsite for between 30mins and an hour. You go straight home after your test and your result will be sent to you via text message

Do I have to get tested to come back to college on the 9th March? No, testing is not mandatory but we would like as many students as possible to get tested.

Can I continue to learn remotely at home after March 9th? No, remote learning will not be facilitated after March 9th unless you are required to isolate by Public Health England.

What will be different when I return to college this time? It will now be the expectation that masks are worn by all staff and students throughout the building, including in lessons up until the Easter holidays. If you have a medical exemption, please contact Ali Grady so that you can be issued with a pass

What is happening about my exams/progression/BTEC? The Government has only just released their guidance regarding arrangements for qualifications. We need to now await further guidance from exam boards before we are able to advise you on the arrangements for your particular programme of study. Please be patient and rest assured that we will let you know what is happening as soon as we are able to.