



Jesus College Oxford

Jesus College - Christmas Travel Tests

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- **Background**

On Wednesday 11 November the UK government confirmed that it intends for students to be able to travel home for the Christmas period during a 'student travel window' lasting from 3-9 December. In line with government guidance, all taught students who want to leave for the vacation will be offered Christmas Travel Tests. While many students are asymptomatic, if they have COVID-19, they could unwittingly pass it on to vulnerable people including those in their own family – who are at much greater risk if they contract it. These asymptomatic 'Lateral Flow Tests' (LFTs) aim to help combat the transmission of the virus.

We strongly encourage all students to participate in the College's LFT programme.

- **About the Jesus College LFT programme**

You will be asked to take two LFT tests, three days apart before you leave Oxford.

They are easy to take using a simple swab, cause minimal discomfort, and provide a result within 20-30 minutes. You will take the tests yourself. The tests will be available in the Ship Street Centre on Monday 30 November, Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 2nd December 2020 and you can book your test [here](#).

Full training will be provided using materials developed by the University, and the technology behind the tests has been extensively validated both in Oxford and PHE laboratories.

Please remember that you must continue to follow all existing health guidance, even if you test negative.

A [new flowchart has been published](#) to help you understand the process of getting tested – and what to do when you get your results. We hope you find this useful.

- **What do I do about recording my results?**

Don't forget that once you have the result of your first Christmas Travel Test, you must upload your results to the Early Alert Service via the same form as you booked your test. This will then automatically book your second appointment three days after your first. It will also ensure the University can accurately report cases, and help to protect the wider community.

- **What if I test positive as a result of taking the Christmas Travel Test?**

If you test positive for COVID-19, you will need to self-isolate until you have booked a confirmatory test through the Testing for COVID-19: Early Alert Service (EAS) and received the result.

If the EAS test is positive, you will have to stay in Oxford and self-isolate for **ten** days. We will support you if you need to stay in college accommodation.

If someone in your household tests positive, you will also need to self-isolate, but this may be carried out at home in some cases.

- **How does this guidance affect postgraduate students?**

Postgraduate research students are not bound by the Christmas travel window. However, if you are travelling from 3-9 December, the tests will be available to you. **If you are** planning to travel after the Government's Student Travel Window (3-9 December) please note that different rules apply after 9 December. Additional guidance has now been added to the 'travelling after the travel window' section of the [testing section of the University's Christmas vacation page](#). If you're leaving Oxford after the 9th, please refer to this important guidance to help inform your plans.

- **I'm an international student**

The Christmas Travel Tests are not designed for international travel. If you plan to travel internationally, you should check local testing requirements in the country you are travelling to before you leave.

You can find out more about Christmas Travel Tests on the University's website [here](#)