



# Jesus College Oxford

## **Title: Update from COVID-19 Planning Group: LFD Connect scheme launch**

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Dear all,

In last Friday's COVID update, we mentioned the University's new **LFD Collect** scheme, which enables students in Oxford and staff working on site to collect boxes of Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests directly from College.

From today, LFD Collect is available in College, and you can now pick up boxes of seven Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests from the Lodge. All you need to do is show your University card or have your Single Sign-On username, and you'll be able to collect a box, free of charge. To make things quicker, we recommend that you [check your details are registered with the Early Alert Service](#) **before** you collect your first test kit.

We are strongly encouraging all of our students who are back in Oxford, and all staff who are working on site, to take part in symptom-free testing twice a week. This is an important way of helping to keep everyone COVID-safe, and ensuring that we don't have to reintroduce further restrictions on college life this term.

Wherever possible, you should perform your test before travelling to work.

### **How to take an LFD test**

It's important to make sure you're performing the test correctly in order to get an accurate result, so we recommend watching this [NHS instruction video](#).

### **Other options for symptom-free testing**

The University's [symptom-free assisted testing centres](#) remain open for both students and staff to use, or you can also access LFD tests via another [Government route](#) if that is easier for you. The most important thing is simply that we all test and report twice a week, every week – in order to identify cases where people aren't showing symptoms but are still at risk of infecting others. This includes those of us who have been vaccinated or have had COVID-19 more than 90 days ago. Staff who are self-testing via a Government-sponsored scheme or LFD Collect are reminded that, wherever possible, you should perform your test before travelling to work.

### **Reporting LFD Collect test results**

By picking up a set of seven tests from the LFD Collect service, you are agreeing to use all of the tests yourself and also to report all your results (negative, positive or void) to **both the [Early Alert Service \(EAS\)](#) and the [NHS](#)** – every time you take an LFD test, as soon as possible after

you get the result. You will also receive a personalised 'quick reporting link' from the EAS via email and SMS, which enables you to report your result to the University without logging in with your SSO.

We appreciate that reporting twice will take more time – but the University does not receive results from the NHS, and the information is needed to contain outbreaks. [The EAS results reporting form](#) is very simple and quick to complete.

We ask that you now please report all your self-testing LFD results (regardless of whether you obtained the LFD tests via LFD Collect or not) to both the [EAS](#) and the [NHS](#). If you use the University's assisted testing centres, you do not need to do this.

[For further details about symptom-free testing and LFD Collect, please visit the University website.](#)

Kind regards

The Jesus College COVID-19 Planning Group