

**COVID IS
NOT GOING
AWAY**

Keeping yourself and others safe

Covid has not gone away and remains a serious health risk. It's important we stay alert and continue taking precautions.

Your health, safety and wellbeing is our number one priority.

This short guide outlines the measures in place to provide a safe and compliant environment that also minimises the risk to you and your teachers.

Our six-point plan for keeping you COVID-19 secure:

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COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

If you feel unwell when you are in college and suspect you have COVID symptoms, please tell your teacher straight away. Symptoms include a new continuous cough or a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell.

If you are ill at home, take a [PCR test](#) at home and do not travel to college.

Please report your absence via the college website <https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/contact/>, go to Send a Message, then Type of Enquiry and on the drop down menu select Report an Absence.

Anyone with a positive test result [should stay at home and self-isolate immediately](#).



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(LATERAL FLOW) 'SYMPTOM-FREE' TESTING

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within colleges and schools.

Students are required to complete twice weekly lateral flow testing at home. Lateral Flow test kits can be collected from the entrance areas of all our college campuses.

All students who are a close contact* of a positive Covid case should obtain a PCR* test and undertake daily lateral flow tests for a period of 10 days. Lateral flow tests should be taken off site and therefore before you arrive in college each day.

Please remember to report your result via the [NHS](#) and [log the result on the College system](#) (via your SharePoint home page)

*The Government still asks you to undertake a PCR test although you may attend college whilst waiting the result (unless you are symptomatic or have had a positive LFD test).

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FACE COVERINGS

All students, staff and visitors **are required** to wear a face covering when entering the College premises and they should be worn in all communal and circulation areas outside of classrooms or teaching spaces (unless they are exempt). This includes social spaces, libraries, corridors, stairs, lifts etc. You may also wear face coverings in classrooms if you wish to.

Please be aware that in these circumstances, face coverings must safely cover the nose and mouth. Government guidance confirms that a face visor or shield is NOT sufficient when worn alone. A face visor or shield may be worn in addition to a face covering but not instead of one.



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CONTACT TRACING*

If you are fully vaccinated, are aged under 18 years and 6 months or cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, then [you will not be required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19](#).

The college will not inform students that they need to self isolate if a positive case is identified within our community. NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, [you will be advised to have a PCR test as soon as possible](#).

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HAND WASHING/SANITISER

No matter where you are in the college, you'll never be far away from a hand wash station. Sanitisers will be available at every entrance and in every classroom and workshop. Please use these as often as you can.

***Information correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change in line with government guidelines.**

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JOINING THE MILLIONS ALREADY VACCINATED – THE SOONER, THE SAFER

The COVID-19 vaccine is our best defence against the virus – along with exercising effective social distancing, wearing a mask and washing your hands. Getting vaccinated means protecting yourself, and potentially your family, friends and patients from the virus.

If you haven't yet received your first vaccine dose, you can book an appointment [here](#) or visit one of the walk-in locations listed [here](#).



If you have queries or concerns about coming into college or following any of the measures that we have introduced, please email info@walsallcollege.ac.uk

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