

Coronavirus – cluster of cases at Edinburgh Napier University housing

NHS Lothian's Health Protection team are investigating a cluster of cases who have tested positive for Covid-19 in Edinburgh Napier University's Bainfield student accommodation.

To respect and maintain patient confidentiality, no further details will be released.

The Health Protection team are contacting individuals and any close contacts living in university accommodation. Appropriate advice and guidance to self-isolate, is being provided. Enhanced cleaning and safety measures are already in place in the University in line with national guidance.

If someone has been in close contact with a confirmed case, they will be contacted and given advice about what they should do. If you have been contacted regarding these cases by NHS Lothian you should isolate for 14 days even if you do not develop any symptoms. You do not need to be tested unless you become symptomatic with either a new and continuous cough, a fever, a loss or change in smell or taste.

The University remains open and operational as normal. All students and staff, who have not been asked to self-isolate, should continue to attend as normal.

The NHS advises that everyone should continue to be vigilant and aware of the symptoms of Covid-19 and take all precautions, such as maintaining social distancing, regular hand washing and wearing a face covering where appropriate.

If you experience a high fever, persistent cough or loss of taste or smell, you must self-isolate and order a test through the NHS inform website www.nhsinform.scot

You should get tested in the first three days of symptoms appearing, although testing is effective until day five. You won't normally be tested after day five unless it's for a specific reason. This will be agreed on a case-by-case basis.

More information on Covid-19, including symptom checkers and general testing advice, is available on the NHS Inform website: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>