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Dear Students,

I hope you continue to be well, and had a safe trip back to your home residence. I last wrote to you on the on the 4<sup>th</sup> December and in that letter stated that I would be in touch with non-commuter students separately. (I have outlined below what a non-commuter commuter student is.)

You have received this email as we believe you are a non-commuter student. If this is not correct, please email [university@southdevon.ac.uk](mailto:university@southdevon.ac.uk) to let us know.

*A non-commuter student is a student who has relocated and has both a term time and non-term time address. A commuter student travels to and from UCSD each day they are in attendance.*

We have been asked by the Department for Education to provide Covid testing to students returning to Higher Education programmes. Over the last week we have been working with local Public Health officials to develop the plan outlined below.

### **Home address is in Tier 3**

If your home address where you are spending the Christmas break is in Tier 3 we require you to take the following steps:-

1. Prior to leaving your home address, please use your local community testing programme and take a test before travelling where this fits with locally-targeted programmes led by the Director of Public Health. This guidance has been issued by the Department for Education specifically for HE students returning for the spring term. If however you are unable to arrange a test please only travel if you are well and follow social distancing guidelines.
  - a. If the test result is negative, please return to your term time address (go to 2 below)
  - b. If the test result is positive, please following the instructions of NHS Test and Trace
2. Please collect a further test from UCSD on the 4<sup>th</sup> January between 10-1500hrs
  - a. If the test result is negative, you can return to in person teaching at UCSD
  - b. If the test result is positive, please following the instructions of NHS Test and Trace

## Home address is in Tier 2

If your home address where you are spending the Christmas break is in Tier 2 we require you to take the following steps:-

1. Please collect a further test from UCSD on the 4<sup>th</sup> January between 10-1500hrs
  - a. If the test result is negative, you can return to in person teaching at UCSD
  - b. If the test result is positive, please following the instructions of NHS Test and Trace

## Home address is in Tier 1

You can return to in person teaching as per your timetable and instructions from your programme team.

I will be writing to all students on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, however if you have any questions relating to the above in the meantime please feel free to get in touch with the HE Faculty Office by email ([university@southdevon.ac.uk](mailto:university@southdevon.ac.uk)) or phone (08000 213181).

Best wishes,

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