

Covid-19 update - government activation of Plan B.

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Dear students

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that it is activating its Plan B in response to the increased risk of transmission of the Omicron variant and increasing cases of Covid-19.

At this time, government guidance confirms that education providers are expected to continue with their face-to-face provision. For this reason, **all planned face-to-face teaching and support services will continue, and all BPP buildings, including library facilities, will remain open.**

All scheduled face-to-face assessments and examinations, including Computer Based Assessments and functional skills, will also continue to be delivered.

Face coverings update

In response to the latest guidance on face coverings, we are updating our position in that **face coverings are now required to be worn at all times in our buildings**. This includes corridors, libraries, breakout areas and classrooms (exemptions apply). Please support this effort and continue to be mindful of other people. Face coverings are available at reception desks in all study centres, should you need them.

Testing

We continue to strongly encourage all students to test twice weekly. Testing kits are now available at all BPP study centre reception desks, as well as being readily available free from pharmacies and the [government website](#).

Reporting

If you:

- Have tested positive for Covid-19
- Are otherwise self-isolating at the request of the NHS, (e.g., as a result of suspected contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case)

You are required to complete the incident report form [here](#).

Checking-in

You will be expected to check-in to our centres using the NHS Test and Trace app. If you are unable to utilise the NHS Test and Trace app you will be required to sign in at reception.

Once in the classroom, you will need to check in using the BPP Hub app and QR code.

We will also continue to implement the following key safety measures within our centres:

- Enhanced frequency of cleaning alongside a dedicated Covid-19 cleaning risk assessment
- Additional handwashing facilities/hand sanitisers at all centres, including at entrances, exits and regular touchpoints
- Wipes and cleaning products at touch points, including printers and computers
- Plexiglass screens at receptions and enquiry desks



- Keeping shared spaces well ventilated

Vaccines

We continue to strongly recommend that you take the opportunity to receive both vaccines, and booster when offered.

Please

- maintain as much social distancing as you can whilst travelling around the building and ensure you familiarise yourself with our [Covid secure policy](#) before entering a BPP centre.
- continue to check The Hub for updates on your specific course.

Please note: this guidance does not apply to students studying at centres in the Channel Islands, who will receive separate local communications.

Thank you all for your understanding and commitment.