

Exams: What do I need to know if I'm worried I might have Covid?

Firstly, Don't Worry:

Exams have been spaced by a minimum of ten days between the first and last exam in any subject, to reduce the chance of students missing all exams in a subject because of illness.

Parents/carers should, wherever possible, encourage their children to attend their exams. However, there may be exceptional cases though where this will not be possible, e.g. Covid on the day of the examination.

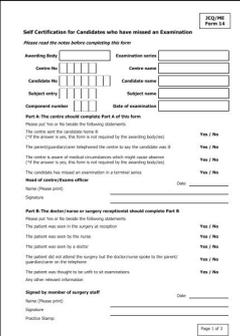
The best advice is to always to speak to us first. The best place to start is your year group team or our exams office. However, this guide is designed to provide helpful at a glance advice.

Will I have to provide proof of a positive Covid test if I fail to sit an exam due to Covid?

No - there is no requirement for you to complete a COVID-19 test to provide evidence of your absence from an exam. It's still good to record or take a photo of a test if you do one, though.

What else will I need? – Form 14

- Exam bodies will use a 'Form 14 - JCQ/ME - Self-certification for candidates' who have missed an exam. This is to help candidates who are absent from an exam only for an acceptable reason in line with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance.
- You and your parents/carers/guardians will need to complete the right parts of the form and the academy can then verify your circumstances, where provided in Form 14, to process an application for special consideration using the category 'absent candidate'.



I am taking my GCSEs or A levels and have a high temperature on the day of one of my exams, what should I do?

- UKHSA guidance advises you to stay at home and avoid contact with others, until you no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend your exams. Other symptoms are not seen as an issue.
- You'll be asked to self-certify your illness using Form 14. Our academy will use this to submit an application for special consideration to the exam bodies using the category 'absent candidate'.
- Because your exams have been spaced by at least ten days, you will be able to receive GCSE or A-level grades based on the other components completed.



I have taken a COVID-19 test under the direction of my GP and have a positive test result, what should I do?

- The UKHSA guidance is that you stay at home and avoid contact with others for 3 days (if 18 and under) or 5 days (if 19 or older) after the day you took the test.
- The academy will ask you to self-certify the reason for absence using Form 14 (see above). You are not required to provide proof of a test, but again it would be good to keep a record of the test, such as a photograph, if it is available.



I am taking my GCSE or A levels and am feeling unwell and experiencing a high temperature, but I still want to attend my exam. Can I still sit it?

- UKHSA guidance is to stay at home and avoid contact with others until you no longer have a high temperature.
- Exam guidance confirms that following UKHSA guidance is an acceptable reason to miss an exam, and you will be eligible to receive special consideration.



Finally:

Remember, we are keen to help you. In almost all cases it's best for students to sit exams. However, get in touch with us if worried.

Good luck!