Dear student,

I hope that this email finds you safe and well. This is a short note to let you know that a mobile PCR testing unit will be stationed at our Mile End campus periodically over the next two weeks from tomorrow, Friday 7 May. This is to enable our students and staff who study, work or live on or near our Mile End campus to take part in the surge testing. All our other London campuses, including Whitechapel, do not fall into the defined surge testing area and are unaffected.

The unit will be on campus from 12 noon – 3pm tomorrow, Friday 7 May. We will update our <u>coronavirus testing webpage</u> with the schedule for next week and beyond as soon as we have the information.

As I said in my email yesterday, please be assured that this testing is only precautionary. It is aimed at anyone who lives or regularly travels to <u>some postcodes in Tower Hamlets</u> - so if you live near or travel to our Mile End campus, which falls within the defined area, please do go and collect a test. Students who live or study on our Whitechapel, West Smithfield, Lincoln's Inn Fields or Charterhouse Square campuses do not need to take part in the surge testing.

For those of you who live on or travel to our Mile End campus, you will be able to pick up a PCR test from this unit, and you can take your completed test back to it. The unit will be parked opposite Lock Keeper's Cottage on Westfield Way [PDF]. Only Queen Mary students and staff can use this facility: so please take your identity card and a face covering with you when you go to pick up your test.

There is no need to change your behaviour because of the surge testing: please do continue to come to our campuses to study and take part in the <u>sporting and social activities</u>. There are lots of activities on offer, please do come and join in!

If you would like to know more about the surge testing in Tower Hamlets, please visit the <u>council</u> website.

Please continue to look after yourselves and each other. I will write to you again soon.

Best wishes, Colin

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