**COVID-19 statistics - Reported cases for University of Manchester students and staff**

Our University has today (1 October) started publishing a daily update showing new known confirmed cases among staff and students.

These can be found [on our website](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus/cases).

Commenting on the latest figures, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, President and Vice-Chancellor, said:

“We recognise that this is a difficult and worrying time for our community. Our top priority is the safety and well-being of students and staff, which is why we have put in place a comprehensive range of support measures.

“We are being as transparent as possible and will be publishing a daily update (Monday to Friday) showing known confirmed cases among students and staff\*

“The initial confirmed case figures for students are high and a cause for concern. They are consistent with infection rates reported by many other universities and for this age group in the North of England.

“We are one of the largest universities in the UK with around 40,000 students, so we expected our initial confirmed case numbers to be high, but this is still a serious concern.

“These figures are reported daily to Public Health England to ensure action is coordinated effectively. We have not been advised to lockdown any of our campus buildings or university-owned halls of residence.

“We have put in place [comprehensive support arrangements](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus/self-isolation/) for students who are self-isolating these include access to a dedicated food delivery service, a laundry pick up service and online prescription delivery. Making sure our students have emotional support is really important and they all have access to online 24/7 support with a community of trained professionals, our University Counselling Service and for students in halls we have out of hours teams who can provide additional support.

“Our arrangements ensure that our campus remains as safe a place as possible to work and study, in line with Government guidance. We have planned for a blended mix of online and in person teaching, but with face-to-face teaching delivered only where this is deemed by local leaders to be appropriate, required and safe to deliver. We are keeping these arrangements under constant review.”

 \*The University figures are obtained from those staff and students who have reported a case to the University using [our agreed process](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus/report/). The figure includes those on and off campus and does not indicate where the virus might have been contracted.

This is not a Public Health England figure, but all cases are reported daily to Public Health England to ensure action is coordinated efficiently.