

## Notifiable Infectious Diseases Guidance

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Guidance for colleagues and students

If you suspect that anyone in our community has contracted a notifiable infectious disease, please support them to seek medical advice immediately either from their GP (or NHS 111).

If a person is diagnosed, or diagnosed with a suspected notifiable infectious disease the medical professional who has assessed the patient must notify the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

If you become aware that we have a student or a colleague with a notifiable infectious disease (even if just suspected/being tested) within our community, please let the Safety Health and Wellbeing (SHW) team know by e-mail: [shw@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:shw@westminster.ac.uk)

The [full list of notifiable diseases is available online](#).

Most common amongst the student demographic are:

- Measles
- Mumps
- Meningitis
- TB

The UKHSA will conduct a risk assessment with the relevant medical professional and may provide public health advice for contacts of the affected patient, and for a wider community. This will be distributed by the SHW team and Student Support and Residential Life team in partnership with academic colleagues, Academic Registrar's Department, People, Culture and Wellbeing and others, as appropriate, on a need-to-know basis.

Where there are multiple cases of the same disease across the University, the UKHSA may convene an incident response team and communications may be issued to a broader group of people, in partnership with our Internal Communications team.

The University's Incident Management and Emergency Response Plan may be invoked, if required.

At all times, the University's [Data Protection Policy](#) will be adhered to.

Please note that this guidance applies to notifiable infectious diseases only. This guidance is in addition to existing University policies and procedures on colleague and student absences, mitigating circumstances claims etc.

The University works closely with the UKHSA and local authority directors of public health to support public health initiatives relevant to our community. We encourage all members of our community to register to with a local GP, and to keep up to date with their vaccinations in order to protect themselves and the wider community as best they can, particularly those at higher risk of severe disease.

The University will support those affected discreetly and compassionately.