

Covid-19 Vaccine Employee Handbook

Covid-19 Support Team

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Useful Links

<https://www.bradfordcravenccg.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccinations/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

Covid-19 Vaccinations to date

February 2022

- ▶ Over 10 Billion doses have been given worldwide.
- ▶ Over 1 million doses have been given within Bradford District and Craven (which has a population of 650,000).
 - ▶ To compare, a million seconds is 11.5 days, a billion seconds is 50,100,200 days or 137,000 years...
- ▶ The NHS is currently encouraging people who are pregnant or planning pregnancy to have their Covid vaccine to protect them and their baby. Pregnancy is now classed as a clinical at risk cohort due to increase issues with early labour and maternal neonatal illness and death.
- ▶ The initial research into a coronavirus vaccine actually started back in the late 2000s, the reason that a vaccine specific to Covid-19 developed at the rate it did was due to the previous work and the money and people working to find a vaccine that work. There has been no comparable vaccination development on this scale. Reasons production of vaccines was so quick was large number of people infected so large cohort for the trials.

Why should you get the Covid-19 Vaccine

At the point of you needing your booster vaccine, your two doses gives you 30-40% protection against serious illness and death from Covid-19. Once you have your booster dose, this increases to 90% protection, settling at a long term protection of 70%, giving you a much high long lasting protection against serious illness than only two doses. Having a booster vaccine also plays a vital role in preventing long Covid, should you become infected.

Through the supporting of outbreaks across care homes during Covid-19, the impact that vaccinations have could be reviewed in the trends of the outbreaks.

- ▶ Before Vaccinations: Residents would be the higher figure of infected cases
- ▶ March 2021 - July 2021: Staff became the most impacted by infection and were more often the cause of outbreaks within care homes. Very few residents were infected compared to staff.
- ▶ August 2021 - November 2021: As residents' immunity began to wane, they had a higher number of cases compared to staff, who had been more recently vaccinated.
- ▶ December 2021 - February 2022: New cases for residents and staff became similar, due to both only having been recently vaccinated.

How would Covid-19 affect your work

How could being infected with Covid-19 affect your life and your ability to work?

- ▶ Sickness
- ▶ Isolation
- ▶ Protecting Vulnerable
- ▶ Time away from work (wider impact) - impact on colleagues and people you support.

Being vaccinated reduces risk of the above, meaning you're less likely to lose wages, have time off and risk the lives of those you support.

How could being unvaccinated affect your life

▶ Travel

There are now no requirements on eligible vaccinated travellers apart from the need to complete a simplified Passenger Locator Form. Travellers who do not qualify as eligible vaccinated also need to take a pre-departure test and an arrival test on or before day 2, but no longer need to isolate or take a day 8 test.

▶ Covid Infection (lasting effects)

A recent review by UKHSA also showed that people who have had one or more doses of a COVID-19 vaccine are less likely to develop long COVID symptoms than those who remain unvaccinated.

▶ Work

Access to Vaccinations

To book your appointment, you can use the [NHS National Booking System](#).

There are also local 'walk-in' appointments available throughout the Bradford district, to see the most up to date list, please see [Covid-19 Vaccine Walk-in Clinics](#).

If you or your employer would like support on accessing appointments, setting up a pop-up site at your service or contacting certain sites in advance, please contact the Covid-19 Support Team on 01274 43 1999.

Benefits of the Covid-19 Vaccine

- ▶ Your immune system will be prepared to attack the virus should you be exposed to Covid-19.
- ▶ The vaccine will reduce the chance of you becoming infected by the virus, as your immune system will already have antibodies that can combat the virus.
- ▶ The Pfizer-BioNTech, Oxford-Astra Zeneca and Moderna vaccines have proven effective at preventing severe illness due to a Covid-19 infection.
- ▶ The vaccine not only protects you, but those around you. As your body will be able to combat the virus the moment it enters your body, it will reduce your viral load. A reduced viral load will mean that it would be harder for you to spread the virus to those you are close to or a close contact with.
- ▶ Evidence that the vaccine is linked to a reduction in long Covid.
- ▶ Often needed for travel abroad, including booster in most cases.
- ▶ [NHS: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccines](#)

Vaccination Hesitancy

Useful links to provide supportive information on confirmed reasons around hesitancy for the Covid-19 Vaccination:

- ▶ [NHS: Pregnancy, breastfeeding, fertility and coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination](#)
- ▶ [RCOG: COVID-19 vaccines, pregnancy and breastfeeding](#)
- ▶ [NHS: Vaccination: race and religion/belief](#)
- ▶ [WHO: Safety of Covid-19 Vaccines](#)
- ▶ [British IMA: Myth Buster](#)
- ▶ [CDC: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- ▶ [BBC: What happens if I don't get the Covid vaccine?](#)

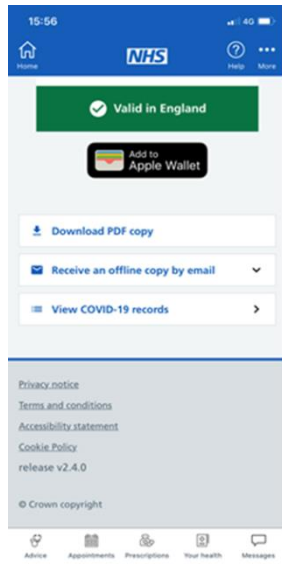
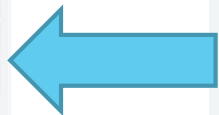
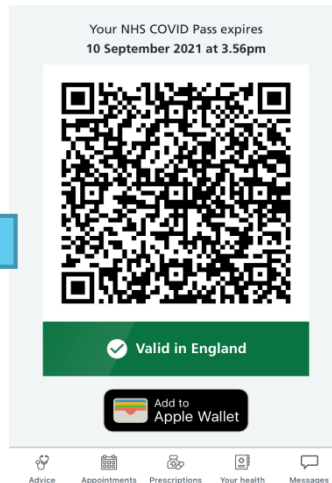
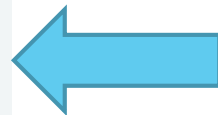
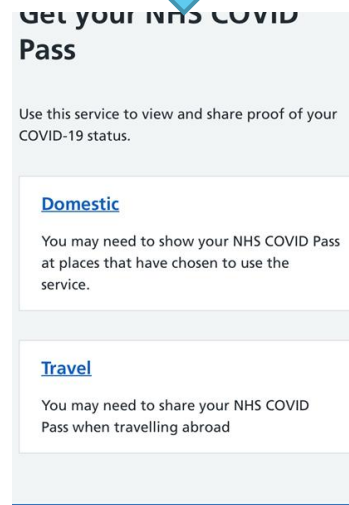
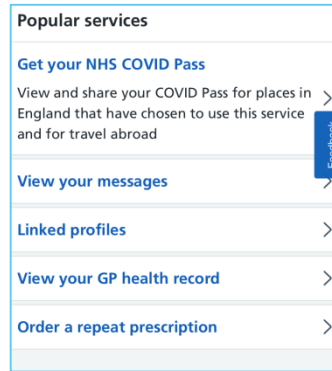
For further local support if you are hesitant, please contact the Vaccination Team at Airedale General Hospital on 01535 294323 or 01535 293434.

Evidence of Vaccination Status

The NHS App on Smartphones will be one way to evidence your Covid-19 Vaccination status, all evidence need to currently show both doses of the vaccine. Some useful links have been included below:

- ▶ NHS App: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/>
- ▶ Getting started with the NHS App: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/nhs-app-help-and-support/getting-started-with-the-nhs-app/> (useful video on how to set up NHS login, this needs to be actioned before using the NHS App)
- ▶ NHS COVID Pass: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass/> or <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass>
 - ▶ In order to access this, you may need to download the NHS Covid Pass Scanner App, available through [Google Play](#) and [Apple Store](#).
- ▶ Get your NHS COVID Pass letter: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass/get-your-covid-pass-letter/>
 - ▶ Please note that the letter will expire after 30 days, you will need to renew the QR code for the letter to remain active.

How to Access Your Covid Pass on the App



What will Demonstrate Vaccination Evidence

Covid Pass App



Covid Pass PDF

The PDF document features the NHS logo at the top right. A large QR code is positioned on the left side. Below the QR code, the text reads: '2D barcode valid for settings in England that have opted in to NHS COVID PASS'. The name 'Evan GANTES' is listed, along with the expiration date '22 JUL 2021 1:01 PM'. A section titled 'How to use your NHS COVID Pass' and 'Understanding your 2D barcode code' provides instructions on scanning the code and its validity. A table at the bottom lists vaccination details for two doses.

Name:
Evan GANTES

2D barcode expires:
22 JUL 2021 1:01 PM

How to use your NHS COVID Pass

Understanding your 2D barcode code

This 2D barcode code has been issued by the NHS based on your test and vaccination results to help verify that you've been vaccinated against COVID-19 - or tested negative.

What does the code show?

Scanning the code will show your name, confirm your test or vaccination, and an expiry date. The duration of its validity depends on whether you were tested or vaccinated.

What can I do with this code?

These 2D barcodes are being issued as part of the NHS COVID PASS service. If you need to prove your COVID-19 status at settings that have opted in, show this 2D barcode so it can be scanned with the NHS COVID Pass verifier. You must continue to follow all destination and government guidelines, including the wearing of masks and social distancing.

What to do when my barcode expires?

Your 2D barcode expires 30 days from the date of issue. You can generate a new one by logging in to the NHS App, visiting the NHS COVID Pass section, then download or email yourself a new PDF copy.

Dose 1 of 2	Dose 2 of 2
Date: 2 February 2021	Date: 26 May 2021
Vaccine manufacturer: Pfizer-BioNTech	Vaccine manufacturer: Pfizer-BioNTech
Disease targeted: COVID-19	Disease targeted: COVID-19
Vaccine: mRNA	Vaccine: mRNA
Batch: BA 3489 98300	Batch: BA 3489 98300
Country of vaccination: UK	Country of vaccination: UK
Authority: NHS Digital	Authority: NHS Digital
Administering centre: University Hospital of North Durham, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	Administering centre: University Hospital of North Durham, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Covid Pass Letter

The letter features the NHS logo at the top right. A QR code is on the left, with the text 'Your unique reference This is to confirm your COVID-19 vaccination record' next to it. The recipient's name and address are listed: 'Emmanuelle Carrington Whittington-Cunningham, 8888 Northumberland Pentrookshire Gardens, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP20 1UA'. The date '27 May 2021' is printed. The text states: 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination confirmation: two doses received. This document is important. Keep it safe. It proves that you have been vaccinated.' The name 'Emmanuelle Carrington Whittington-Cunningham' and date of birth '15 October 1946' are provided. A table at the bottom details two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination confirmation: two doses received
This document is important. Keep it safe. It proves that you have been vaccinated.

Name: Emmanuelle Carrington Whittington-Cunningham
Date of birth: 15 October 1946

Your NHS record now shows you have received two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

Dose 1 of 2	Dose 2 of 2
Date: 2 February 2021	Date: 26 May 2021
Vaccine manufacturer: Pfizer-BioNTech	Vaccine manufacturer: Pfizer-BioNTech
Disease targeted: COVID-19	Disease targeted: COVID-19
Vaccine: mRNA	Vaccine: mRNA
Batch: BA 3489 98300	Batch: BA 3489 98300
Country of vaccination: UK	Country of vaccination: UK
Authority: NHS Digital	Authority: NHS Digital
Administering centre: University Hospital of North Durham, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	Administering centre: University Hospital of North Durham, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Find out about COVID-19 symptoms, testing, vaccination and self-isolation on the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Data protection: NHS England is responsible for processing your personal data for the purposes of the COVID-19 vaccination programme. To find out more, you can access our privacy notice at: www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/privacy-notice or search for 'NHS England Privacy Notice' in your website browser.

Clinical Trial Letter

To Whom it may concern

Confirmation of fully vaccinated status

Name:
Date of birth:
Clinical Trial name:
Clinical Trial participant number:
Clinical Trial register number:

The above person is a registered participant in an authorised NIHR COVID-19 vaccine Clinical Trial and is therefore authorised by the Department of Health and Social Care to hold fully vaccinated status against COVID-19. This letter is provided because the standard NHS routes are not yet able to accommodate the technical details for those people who have achieved COVID vaccination status through a vaccine Clinical Trial.

The holder of this letter should be given equivalent status to someone who can demonstrate their full vaccination status through the COVID-19 status certification service for any future domestic use including pilot events.

Further details on the purpose of this letter can be found online in the letter from Government Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Jonathan Van-Tam on 11 June 2021, which notes that:

"The Department of Health and Social Care makes a firm commitment to all volunteers in formally approved COVID-19 vaccine trials in the UK that you will not be disadvantaged in terms of any future domestic vaccine certification, if introduced, compared to anyone else who has had their vaccines under the standard NHS programme."

By July 2021, all clinical trial participants should be able to demonstrate COVID status through the same routes as people who have had their status captured through the deployed vaccine rollout (e.g. for those resident in England the NHS App). For any future domestic use individuals will be able to obtain a Covid status based on vaccination, being tested, having natural immunity (valid for up to 180 days after testing positive for Covid), participation in an NIHR COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial, or being exempt from vaccination and testing on clinical grounds. In the interim, this letter is provided to NIHR COVID-19 Vaccines Clinical Trials participants to demonstrate equivalence to a vaccinated status.

Signed by PI

Useful Contact Information

- ▶ Covid-19 Support Team (*please also contact this team for any edits/amendments to this document*)

Covid19SupportTeam@Bradford.gov.uk

- ▶ Bradford College & Jacob's Well

covidvaccinationappointments@bthft.nhs.uk

- ▶ Airedale General Hospital (Vaccinations)

01535 292742 or airedale.vaccination@anhst.nhs.uk

- ▶ Airedale General Hospital (Hesitancy)

01535 294323 / 01535 293434 or anhsft.vaccination@nhs.net

- ▶ Care Quality Commission

03000 616161 or enquiries@cqc.org.uk