

NHS COVID Pass – What you need to know

The NHS COVID Pass shows your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination details or test results. This is your COVID-19 status.

You may be asked to show your pass to travel abroad, or at events and venues in England asking for proof of your COVID-19 status.

Who can get an NHS COVID Pass in England?

- People aged 18 or over

Who are either:

- Fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- Have had a negative PCR test or rapid lateral flow test within the past 48 hours
- Have had a positive PCR test within the past 6 months (after you've finished self-isolating).

COVID-19 status for children

The NHS COVID Pass is not available for children under the age of 18.

If you're travelling abroad, your child may need to show a negative test result. Check the entry requirements for the country you're visiting.

Children under the age of 18 do not need to show a COVID Pass to get into venues in England.

How to get your NHS COVID Pass

There are a number of different ways to get your COVID Pass.

Get a digital version

You can get a digital version using the **NHS App** or **NHS website**. You can download it as a PDF or get it sent to you in an email.

You can get a digital version by:

- [downloading the NHS App](#) – you must be registered with a GP surgery in England to use the app
- [using the online NHS COVID Pass service](#)

You will need an NHS login to use these services. You'll be asked to create one if you do not have an NHS login already.

[What is NHS login?](#)

How long are digital versions valid for?

If you've had:

- the Moderna, AstraZeneca, Pfizer or Janssen vaccine – your pass lasts for 30 days, but the 30-day period refreshes every time you log in
- a negative PCR test or rapid lateral flow test – your pass is valid for 48 hours after a negative result
- a positive PCR test – your pass lasts 30 days, but the 30-day period refreshes every time you log in (for up to 180 days after you took the test).

If you download your COVID Pass as a PDF, always check the expiry date before using it.

If you're fully vaccinated or had a positive test result, the barcode on a PDF is valid for 30 days.

Get a paper version (vaccination status only)

You can get an NHS COVID Pass letter sent to you in the post.

- 5 days after you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- valid for 2 weeks after your final vaccination.

You can get a letter by:

- [requesting a COVID Pass letter online](#)
- calling 119 – do not call 119 if you're travelling in more than 4 weeks' time.

Protecting your data

When you access your NHS COVID Pass via the NHS App, or directly via the NHS website, you will use NHS login. NHS login has advanced security features to protect you and minimise any risk of fraud.

Your COVID Pass only shows your vaccination record or test results, and no other personal health records.

Vaccinated as part of Clinical Trial in England

- If you were vaccinated as part of an official clinical trial in England, you should have received a letter confirming this. The letter explains that your COVID-19 status is "fully vaccinated".
- If you have not received a letter, contact your clinical trial site.
- You can also get an NHS COVID Pass showing your vaccination status for domestic events using the NHS App or the online NHS COVID Pass service. You'll be able to get a digital COVID Pass for travel abroad soon.

Proxy Access for Children - Key Points

Children are currently unable to get a COVID Pass. This means that their COVID tests will not be available for them in a COVID Pass.

Parents may wish to link their Patient Access or NHS App account to their child. They will be able to order prescriptions, manage appointments and see allergy information for their child. They will not be able to view the COVID Pass information for their child as it is not held at the practice. If a carer is given access to a child's test results, they will be able to see COVID PCR test information but not any lateral flow test results which may have been submitted on the government page for the child.

How to get proxy access

When your child is under 12 you can request proxy access from your GP practice. This usually requires you to complete a form. This is the same form for anyone you care for.

When a child is 12, they can still grant a carer proxy access but they will need to give their consent on the form. From this age a child can have their own account to access but they will need to contact their surgery to be declared competent to manage such information. From the age of 16 anyone can get have their own account with the NHS App or Patient Access. Typically, when the child turns 16, the proxy access will be discontinued.