

Covid-19 vaccinations and care home staff

From November 11th 2021, all care home workers, **and anyone entering a care home**, will need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they are exempt under the regulations.

This new rule means that anyone working or entering a care home (other than family, friends and essential care givers) must have booked and received their first dose of the vaccination by September 16th 2021. This will allow you to receive your second jab in time for the regulations to come into force on 11th November.

To read the Government guidance in full, [click here](#).



The instructions below will guide you on what you need to do as a member of staff in time for the September deadline.

What do you need to do as a registered care home worker?

- Book your first and second doses of the vaccine. The first dose will need to be booked and received by September 16th.
- Vaccines can be booked through the National Booking System by following this [link](#). The Gloucestershire Vaccination Programme is also offering walk in vaccinations, more information on those can be found [here](#).
- Once you have received both doses of the vaccine, you'll be able to get your NHS COVID-pass. For guidance on how to get the COVID-pass, [click here](#). The pass will prove that you are fully vaccinated and will be available on your phone, however, paper copies can be requested if you don't have access to a smart phone or computer.

What are valid exemptions?

More detail is expected on how you can obtain proof of exemption. There are a very small number of people that are exempt, and this is usually due to previous severe reactions to the vaccine.

Pregnancy is not an exemption for the vaccine, and more information on this can be found in the [main Government guidance](#).

Family, friends and essential care givers visiting the home are not required to be vaccinated.

If you would like to discuss any vaccine concerns or queries with a clinician then you can email GHCCovidMassVaccine@ghc.nhs.uk with your name and a contact number, and they will be called back by a member of the vaccination team.