



**YOUR NHS NEEDS YOU.  
HELP US FIND A  
VACCINE FOR  
COVID-19.**

Join the NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry today:

[nhs.uk/researchcontact](https://nhs.uk/researchcontact)



# Stakeholder pack

# NHS COVID-19 VACCINE RESEARCH REGISTRY

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## Background

The [NHS COVID-19 Vaccine research registry](#) will help people across the UK sign up for information on the new COVID-19 vaccine studies.

The registry has been developed as part of the UK Government's Vaccine Taskforce, in partnership with the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), NHS Digital, and the Northern Ireland, Scottish and Welsh Governments. It will help large numbers of people to be recruited into the studies over the coming months, potentially leading to effective vaccines being identified and made available to the UK public against coronavirus earlier.

The registry aims to recruit 500,000 volunteers by the end of 2020 and generate fast recruitment to vaccine studies. It will also create a 'research ready' population for future health research studies and enables researchers the opportunity to engage with those who want to be involved.

The registry links from NHS.UK, Gov.uk (COVID-19 hub), the National Testing Programme for COVID and promoted extensively on social media.

## How does it work?

There are a number of vaccines being identified and safety-tested at the moment, but only large scale trials can give scientists the information needed about how effective they are. Working with the NHS, we aim to recruit over half a million people onto the registry, which will allow people to be considered for the vaccine trials in the coming months. Researchers are looking for people from all backgrounds, ages and parts of the UK - including both people with or without existing health conditions - to take part in vaccine studies, to make sure that any vaccines developed will work for everyone.

The service is available to anyone aged 18 or over, living in the UK. To register, users need to fill in some personal and contact details, and answer a series of basic health screening questions on an NHS.UK website form. The service is highly secure, with personal data and permissions held in a NHS system managed by NHS Digital.

By registering through the service, users are not signing up to take part in a specific trial or study. Instead, researchers working on vaccine studies supported by the NIHR will be able

to search for volunteers who have signed up to the service. Signing up is an individual choice.

When a suitable volunteer has been identified, the researchers will send an email or text to anyone who matches the criteria for their study. This will provide more information about the study - and offer you the opportunity to contact the research team and find out more, or express an interest to take part.

There is no obligation to take part in any study and users can change their mind and remove their contact details from the registry at any time. A set of screengrabs can be found in [Appendix A](#), this isn't all screens but will give you a flavour of the service.

### **Key points for your users**

- Signing up is your choice, you can change your mind and withdraw at any time
- By signing up, you give permission for researchers to contact you about taking part in NIHR approved UK COVID-19 studies - you are not signing up to take part in those studies
- You will be asked for your name, date of birth, postcode, sex registered at birth, gender and ethnic grouping. There are also some questions around your health that will help identify if you are suitable for particular studies
- Information will only be shared with researchers working on UK COVID-19 vaccine studies, approved by the NIHR

### **How to support the registry**

Short URL for the service: [nhs.uk/researchcontact](https://nhs.uk/researchcontact)

Hashtag: #bepartofresearch

Vaccine information page can be found on [Be Part of Research](#)

- Information about vaccine studies; those that are recruiting and how to sign up is hosted on the Be Part of Research website
- Answers to FAQs are hosted here, such as: *What will taking part in a vaccine study involve?* and *How will data collected about me in the study be used?*
- The site also provides users with information on giving consent and how trials are regulated, approved and funded

### **Assets available to promote the service**

Materials have been developed for use by the NIHR, trusts, stakeholders and any organisation wishing to promote the registry to their users. Materials can be downloaded from the [NIHR comms site for the NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry](#). There are assets for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The assets for England (using

NIHR, NHS and Be Part of Research branding) should be used as the **main branded assets** for any trust or organisation who is in England or UK wide. Northern Ireland, Scottish and Welsh materials should only be used by Devolved Nations Governments and NHS/health boards in those countries or any charities that are only in a particular country.

The campaign page includes the following materials:

- General leaflet
- BAME leaflet
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn)
- Posters (A3, A4)
- Email signatures

Further materials will be added shortly. We are exploring translations of materials but conscious the registry is only in English and Welsh.

### **Sample copy**

Here is some sample copy that can be used in newsletters, internal channels and staff/patient communications. Please amend as appropriate.

(205 words)

#### **Volunteer to help find the vaccine for COVID-19**

Join the national effort and sign up for the [NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry](#). Be part of the fightback against the virus by volunteering to be contacted by researchers to take part in COVID-19 vaccine research.

There are a number of vaccines being identified and safety-tested at the moment, but only large scale studies can give researchers the information needed about how effective they are.

The NIHR is working with the NHS and aims to recruit half a million people onto the registry by October, which will allow people to be put in touch with the vaccine studies in the coming months.

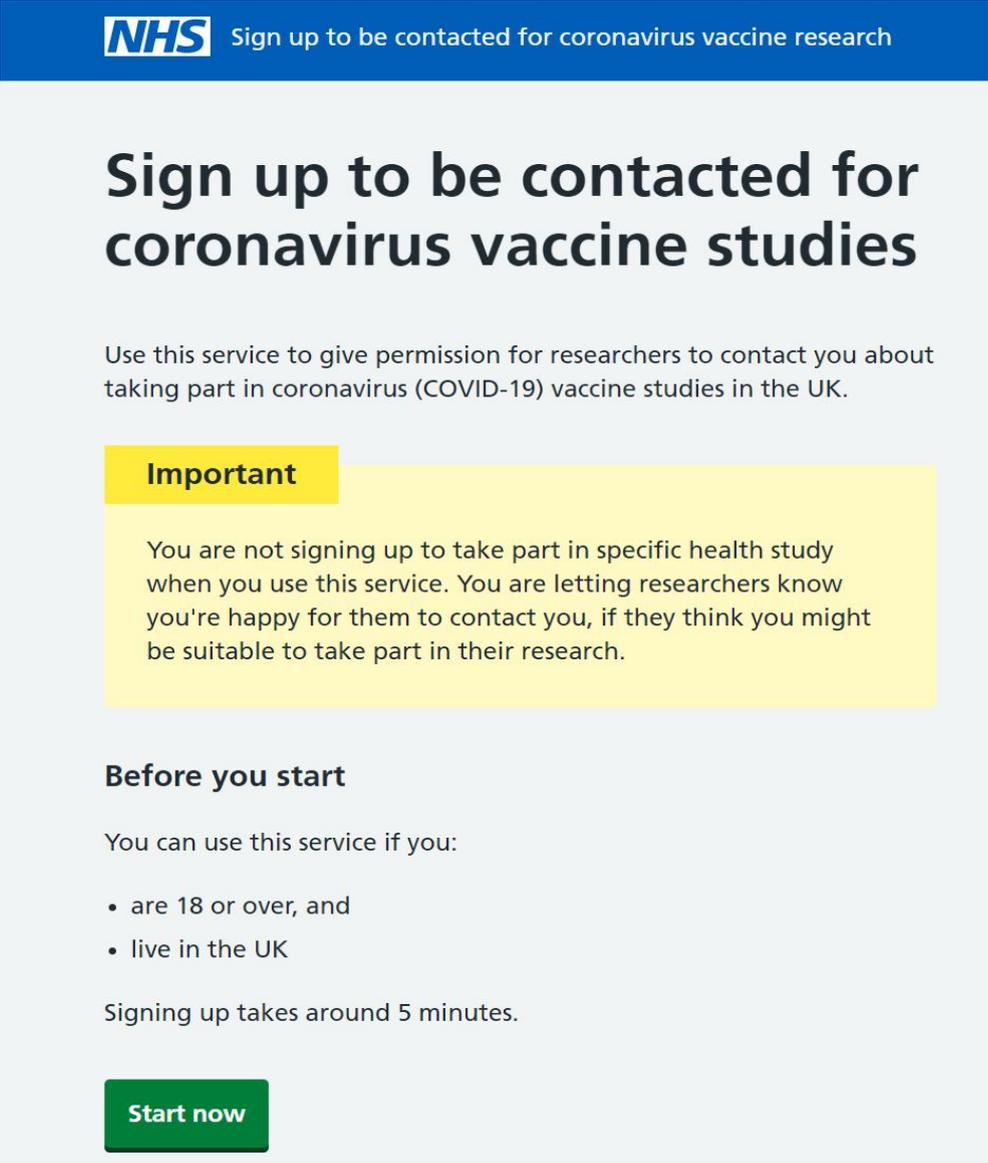
Researchers are looking for people from all backgrounds, ages and parts of the UK - including both people with or without existing health conditions - to take part in vaccine studies, to make sure that any vaccines developed will work for everyone.

The service is available to anyone aged 18 or over, living in the UK. There is no obligation to join in any study, if you are contacted. But by taking part, you could help researchers find vaccines to protect us all more quickly - which in turn could help the NHS and save lives.

[Sign up today!](#)

## APPENDIX A

A series of screenshots to demonstrate the user experience:



The screenshot shows a web page with a blue header containing the NHS logo and the text "Sign up to be contacted for coronavirus vaccine research". The main heading is "Sign up to be contacted for coronavirus vaccine studies". Below this is a paragraph explaining the service. A yellow callout box contains an "Important" notice. Underneath is a "Before you start" section with eligibility criteria and a "Start now" button.

**NHS** Sign up to be contacted for coronavirus vaccine research

# Sign up to be contacted for coronavirus vaccine studies

Use this service to give permission for researchers to contact you about taking part in coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine studies in the UK.

**Important**

You are not signing up to take part in specific health study when you use this service. You are letting researchers know you're happy for them to contact you, if they think you might be suitable to take part in their research.

**Before you start**

You can use this service if you:

- are 18 or over, and
- live in the UK

Signing up takes around 5 minutes.

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## We'll now ask you some questions

We'll ask for some information about you, including your:

- name
- date of birth
- postcode
- sex registered at birth and gender
- ethnic group

We ask this so we can:

- get the right mix of different people taking part in health research
- make sure any vaccines developed will work for everyone

[Continue](#)

NHS Digital will keep your answers secure. [Find out how your data will be processed using this service](#) (opens in new window).



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## Do you work in health or social care?

Some examples of this are nurse, doctor, carer

Yes

No

or

I'm not sure

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## Have you had a coronavirus test?

This could be a test to see if you have coronavirus now (antigen test)  
or if you have had it in the past (antibody test)

Yes

No

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## We'll now ask you questions about your health

We're asking about your health so we:

- get the right mix of different people taking part in vaccine studies
- make sure any vaccines developed will work for everyone
- check what vaccine studies you might be suitable for

We'll ask about things like asthma, cancer treatment and heart conditions.

Having a health condition does not mean you cannot take part in vaccine studies.

[Continue](#)

NHS Digital will keep your answers secure. [Find out in the privacy policy how your data will be processed using this service](#) (opens in new window).

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## Do you give permission for researchers to contact you about taking part in approved UK coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine studies?

- Yes, I give my permission
- No, I do not give my permission

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## Get involved in other health research

There is a lot of health research taking place in the UK about coronavirus and other health conditions. This research aims to find the most effective medicines and treatments.

For more information about other types of health research see [Be Part of Research](#) (opens in new window), which is provided by the National Institute for Health Research, the research partner of the NHS, public health and social care.

NHS Digital would like to tell you about the progress and outcomes of the coronavirus vaccine studies. We also plan to develop this service to provide opportunities to take part in other types of health research. Do you agree to NHS Digital contacting you for these purposes?

Yes

No

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