Proof of your Covid Status (Covid Pass)

The NHS COVID Pass lets you share your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination records or test results in a secure way.

It allows you to show others the details of your COVID-19 vaccine (or vaccines) when travelling abroad to some countries or territories.

You may be asked to demonstrate your COVID-19 status at venues in England as a condition of entry.

NHS COVID Passes are valid for 30 days but can be refreshed each time you log in.

At present the term 'fully vaccinated' means having had two doses of a vaccine used in the UK.

For travel abroad (people aged over 12)

You can obtain your NHS COVID Pass after being fully vaccinated. You can usually obtain your NHS COVID Pass within 24 hours of having your vaccination. However, it can take up to 5 days for your records to be updated.

OR

You have a positive NHS PCR test within the last 180 days and have finished self-isolating

For domestic use (not needed for under 18s)

For domestic purposes, those 18 and over can obtain an NHS COVID Pass if one of the following applies:

Two weeks after being fully vaccinated

OR

With evidence of a negative PCR or rapid lateral flow test taken within 48 hours of entry to a venue. A lateral flow test taken at home will need to be reported either by phone or online as instructed in the booklet that comes with the kit. The NHS COVID PASS will be available as soon as you get your result.

OR

You have a confirmed medical exemption from COVID-19 vaccination. The NHS COVID Pass is available once a doctor, clinician or midwife has confirmed your exemption.

How do I get a Covid Pass?

You will not be charged for this evidence. It is part of your medical record.

If you do not have access to smartphone /tablet or computer

Get a paper version (vaccination status only) Call 119.

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

This shows you've been vaccinated against COVID-19. It does not show COVID-19 test results.

You can ask for a letter five days after being fully vaccinated with a vaccine used in the UK

The letter will take up to five working days to reach you and will be sent to the address you registered with your GP.

You will need the following

- NHS number
- Date of birth
- Post code

When calling, press option for Covid Pass letter and ignore the message re the online link

Then press Option 1 if you wish to speak in English

You can use your letter at venues in England where you need to prove your COVID-19 status two weeks after you have been fully vaccinated.

If you have access to smartphone /tablet or computer. use NHS App or NHS online

You can download your COVID Pass as a PDF, show a QR code or get it sent to you in an email. This is available if you are aged 13 or over and registered with a GP.

Firstly, you must set up an NHS login.

The first time you set up your NHS login, you will need to prove who you are. This is to connect to your NHS record and protect your health information. When your identity has been checked you will get a confirmation email or text. You will be able to use your NHS login to access websites and apps that show the NHS login button.

How to set up an NHS login

When you set up an NHS login you will be asked to:

- enter your email address
- create a password
- agree to share your NHS login information

You will receive an email containing a link to confirm your email address. Next, you will be asked to enter your mobile phone number. A six-digit security code will be sent by text message to your mobile phone. You will be asked to enter this code and press continue.

You now have an NHS login with a verified email address and phone number. This is low level proof of who you are. With this, you can do simple tasks like book a COVID-19 test.

To view more personal information such as your Covid vaccine status you will need to have your ID confirmed.

You must have high level proof of who you are to gain access to health records or personal information. To do this, you have different options.

1. Use a fast-track ID check

If you have already had your ID checked to access GP online services, the setup of your NHS login can be fast-tracked. This will only work if you still use the mobile number you gave your GP surgery. This means you do not need to have your ID re-checked and the process is much quicker.

2. Submit photo ID and a face scan

You will be asked to submit a photo of your ID and then take an automated scan of your face. Instructions will be given on how to do this using the camera on your device. The scan will then be used to match your face with your photo ID.
The accepted types of photo ID are:

- Passport
- UK driving licence (full or provisional)
- UK residence card or biometric residence permit
- European driving licence (full)
- European national identity card

During the scan the screen will flash and change colour. If flashing lights or colours make you feel unwell, you can record a video instead.

3. Submit photo ID and a video

Instead of using the face scan you can record a short video of your face instead. Before you record your video, you will be shown 4 randomly generated numbers. You will be asked to tell us what the 4 numbers are.

To do this you can:

- say the numbers

- sign the numbers using British Sign Language

- write the numbers down and show them

Your identity will then be carefully checked by the NHS ID checking team and can take up to 24 hours to be verified. This can be longer at busy times. You will be emailed to let you know if the ID check has been successful.

Next EITHER install the NHS App (this is different to the NHS Covid-19 App used to register at venues) OR use the online NHS Covid Pass Service.

NHS App

Log in to the NHS App using your NHS login password and the security code which will have been sent in a text message.

1. Go to **More**.
2. Select the relevant option. For Android select **Fingerprint**, or for Apple select **Touch ID** or **Face ID**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions, which are specific to your device. The next time you log in , you'll be asked to touch the fingerprint sensor or look at the device instead of entering a password or security code

You can then view your NHS Covid pass and can either show the QR code on your phone, download a PDF copy or receive an offline copy by email

NHS online

If you do not wish to install the App go to https://covid-status.service.nhsx.nhs.uk

Enter your email address and password from when you registered your identity and then view your Covid pass and download it or receive an offline copy