

# Bolton Community Practice – Patient Bulletin

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### BOLTON COMMUNITY PRACTICE PATIENT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)



### Covid Vaccination Status

Please use the links below for further information

#### [COVID Vaccination Status](#)

Please do not contact the surgery enquiring about COVID vaccination certification as they are unable to issue this information from the practice.

#### [Free NHS App](#)

Your vaccination status is available on the free NHS App which can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablet, either from Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Proof of your Covid vaccination status will be shown in the NHS App.

Open the App and select 'Check your Covid-19 vaccine record' then logout.

We recommend that you register with the NHS App before booking international travel.

To register you will need your NHS patient number. This can be found on your prescription or any letter from the NHS.

Please note: This App is not the same as the NHS COVID-19 App.

#### [NHS Website](#)

You can view your COVID-19 vaccination status online and download or print it as a PDF document.

You will need to register for an NHS login if you do not have one already, to access the service. NHS login registrations may take longer than usual when there are high numbers of requests.

#### **By calling 119**

If you do not have access to a smartphone, computer or tablet and know that the country you are travelling to requires COVID-19 vaccination status, you can call 119 and ask for a letter to be posted to you.

- Request a letter only if you have been fully vaccinated by the NHS in England (you should wait 5 working days after your second dose)
- are planning to travel in the next 4 weeks to a country that requires evidence of COVID vaccination.
- cannot access the digital service via the NHS App

The letter may take up to 7 working days to reach you.

The letter will be sent to the address registered with your GP. The 119 call handler you speak to will not be able to see your address to check this with you. If you have recently changed your address, make sure you've given your new address to your GP practice before calling 119.

***Do not contact your GP surgery about your COVID-19 vaccination status. GPs cannot provide letters showing your COVID-19***

### Text Questionnaires

BCP will continue to send out text messages requesting patients to complete questionnaires. The questionnaires are relevant to your medical records and it may be that they are needed to record your smoking status or code your ethnicity or update your records regarding your asthma status. If you are sent a questionnaire, please take the time to complete it on your mobile phone.

***To ensure you receive all the relevant text messages from the surgery please update your contact details with the surgery.***

### BCP Contact details (01204 463444)

BCP website: (Bolton Community Practice)  
<https://www.boltoncommunitypractice.nhs.uk/>

BCP email: (Bolton Community Practice)  
[bolton.communitypractice@nhs.net](mailto:bolton.communitypractice@nhs.net)

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