



# COVID-19 Stakeholder and Influencer Toolkit

## Overview

All adults can now [book a COVID-19 vaccine](#) online. If you cannot use the NHS website, you can **phone** 119 free of charge to book an appointment.

More than 60% of UK adults have been vaccinated with a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, giving them the fullest possible protection.

Changes to Government COVID-19 guidelines came into place this week, meaning the limit of 30 attendees at weddings has been lifted. Also out-of-school organisations, such as Scouting groups, are now allowed to organise residential visits with overnight stays in groups of up to 30 children.

[Businesses that registered for workplace testing](#) by 12 April can now order free tests until 19 July.

### Key messages

- [If you are aged 18 or over](#), you can book your COVID-19 vaccine.
- Over 60% of UK adults have been vaccinated with a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine,
- Follow the [Hands, Face Space, Fresh Air](#) guidance.





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## Vaccines

If you're aged 18 or over, you can now book your COVID-19 vaccine.

More than 43 million people have now received their first COVID-19 vaccine dose. More than 31 million have had their second dose.

All adults aged 18 and over will now be offered a first dose by 19 July, 2 weeks earlier than planned. You must still [follow the rules after you've had the COVID-19 vaccination](#).

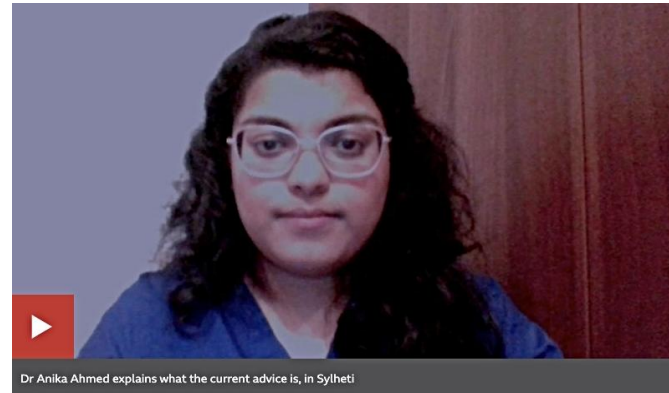
If you have difficulties communicating or hearing, or are a British Sign Language (BSL) user you can go [online](#), use textphone 18001 119 or the [NHS BSL interpreter service](#).

### How you can help

- Let your networks know [all adults, aged over 18, can now book a vaccine](#).
- Post a link to [BBC Asian Network's videos in five South Asian languages](#) (Gujarati, Punjabi, Sylheti, Tamil and Urdu) with vaccines advice for women expecting a baby, breastfeeding or trying to have a baby.



Dr Chintal Patel explains what the current advice is, in Gujarati



Dr Anika Ahmed explains what the current advice is, in Sylheti



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## Changes from 21 June

Care home residents no longer need to isolate after time away from their residence. Exceptions include overnight stays in hospital and high risk visits as determined by the care home.

They no longer need to isolate following admission from the community as long as Public Health England guidance and testing protocol is followed. Family or friends can also now be nominated to give care during periods of isolation.

Out-of-school organisations, such as Scouting groups and other community providers, are now allowed to organise residential visits with overnight stays in groups of up to 30 children.

This is an increase from the previous limit of six or two households, and aligns with the current position for schools.



### How you can help:

- Post the assets above to your social media channels which explain the changes.
- Share [video explainers in British Sign Language](#) with your networks.



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## Weddings and commemorative events

The 30-person limit for weddings, civil partnerships and receptions was lifted on 21 June. The number of guests is now based on the capacity of venues to operate to COVID-Secure guidelines. The cap on the number of participants for weddings and civil partnerships will also be removed at other venues, such as private gardens. Organisers must make settings COVID-Secure, by facilitating social distancing, operating at a safe capacity and following other [COVID-19 guidelines](#).

Couples who are planning to organise their own wedding, civil partnership and reception should fill out a COVID-19 [risk assessment form](#). Acting on the risk mitigations in your assessment will reduce the risk of COVID-19, minimising the virus spreading at your event and keeping you and your guests safe.

The 30-person limit has also been lifted for commemorative events following a funeral, such as a wake, stone setting or ash scattering.

### How you can help:

- Use the assets on [Public Health England's website](#) to communicate the changes to your networks including a British Sign Language video explainer.
- Post the image on the right on your social media channels.

### Weddings, civil partnership ceremonies & receptions From 21 June

The following guidance has been put in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 spreading and to keep you, your guests and anyone working at the event safe.

<p><b>Attendee limits</b></p> <p>Attendee limits will be determined by how many people the venue can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place.</p>	<p><b>COVID-Secure venues</b></p> <p>A COVID-Secure venue should have already completed a COVID risk assessment and follow COVID-Secure guidance.</p>	<p><b>Other venues</b></p> <p>In other venues, such as private gardens, the organiser will have to complete a risk assessment themselves to keep their guests safe.</p>	<p><b>Pre-wedding celebrations</b></p> <p>Pre-wedding celebrations, such as stag, hen or Mehndi parties, must keep to 30 people outside, or the Rule of Six or two households indoors.</p>
<p><b>Dancing</b></p> <p>Dancing should not take place. There is an exception for the couple's 'first dance'.</p>	<p><b>Entertainment</b></p> <p>Bands, DJs or professional performers can perform at a ceremony or reception as long as they follow COVID-Secure guidance.</p>	<p><b>Singing</b></p> <p>Guests are advised not to join in singing with bands or choirs.</p>	<p><b>Food and drink</b></p> <p>People should remain seated when consuming food or drink, even in outdoor settings.</p>

For more information, visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)



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## Testing

Vaccines will do a lot but no vaccine is 100% effective and not everyone is vaccinated. Even after you've had the vaccine, you can still catch the virus without showing symptoms. COVID-19 continues to be a problem we all have to deal with.

One in three people who catch the COVID-19 virus will not show any symptoms at all. It is important we keep testing to protect ourselves and the people we love.

Routine testing is also important to detect new variants. Everyone is encouraged to take a free rapid lateral flow test twice a week to avoid a further lockdown.

[All businesses that registered for workplace testing by 12 April will now be able to order free tests until 19 July.](#)

### How you can help

- Tell your networks everyone can get free, rapid lateral flow tests twice a week.
- Tell your networks that they can book a rapid test by calling 119, using the NHS COVID-19 app or via [the booking page on the NHS website](#).
- Use these [images in different languages](#) to let your networks know about testing.







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## Festivals and events - Eid al-Adha (England)

The virus continues to challenge many parts of daily life and this means that extra measures should be taken to celebrate Eid al-Adha safely this year. Eid al-Adha runs from 19 July to 23 July.

Mosques and other places of worship are open for prayer in a COVID-Secure way. This means some mosques are not able to welcome as many worshippers as before.

Eid al-Adha may look different again this year as restrictions may be in place to keep families, friends and communities safe against the health impacts of COVID-19.



### How you can help

- Post [advice on worshipping at festivals safely](#) during COVID-19 to your networks.
- Post [advice about outside organised events](#) to your networks.



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### What you can do safely at the Mosque

- Communal worship can be attended by more than 30 people in venues that can safely accommodate larger numbers in a COVID-Secure way.
- Follow the mitigations that places of worship have put in place. For example: use booking systems, sign in with NHS Test & Trace, change access routes or organise staggered entries.
- Consider other actions you can take to reduce the risk of transmission. For example, do not use shared areas for ablutions. Instead, wash at home; avoid singing, shouting or using raised voices in the congregation; take home personal items brought in to aid worship; and wear a face covering.

### What you can do safely at home

Up to two households can meet in a home but should observe strict hand hygiene and social distancing. Consider other actions you can take to reduce the risk of transmission.

For example, any foodstuffs shared should be prewrapped. Avoid coming into contact with dishes and/or cutlery other than your own. Or, celebrate with family virtually.

### Gathering outside

At events in the grounds of a place of worship, you should follow social distancing guidance, and organisers should carry out risk assessments. You can gather outdoors in groups of more than 30 but this must be planned in compliance with COVID-Secure guidance.



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## Festivals and events - UEFA Euro 2020

If you are attending any of the Euro 2020 football matches, please follow the guidance set out in this [video](#).

If you are watching matches at home, or at a venue, please follow COVID-19 safety guidance.

### How you can help

- Post this [video](#) on your social media channels and in your newsletters.
- Post the images to the immediate right, on your social media channels, including on WhatsApp groups.

