



Factsheet for families: Hft and the mandatory vaccine ruling

You will have heard in the news that, following a consultation, the government has now passed a law that means that anyone entering a Registered Care Home in England, for work, must provide evidence that they have been fully (double) vaccinated against Covid-19, or evidence that they should not be vaccinated for medical reasons.

This new law comes into effect on 11 November and we are working on getting everything in place to enable us to ensure that no one enters our residential services for work purposes, unless they can provide evidence that they have been fully (double) vaccinated.

Who needs to provide evidence that they have been fully vaccinated?

This ruling includes:

- All our staff teams working at our residential services
- Anyone entering our residential services for **work**, including volunteers

This ruling does NOT cover:

- **Family, friends and visitors** to our residential services do **not** need to provide evidence that they have been fully vaccinated
- This ruling does not apply to our Supported Living and Day Service settings at this stage, though a government consultation is planned, to consider what it means for other social care settings. We do however continue to encourage all colleagues across Hft to make sure that they take up the offer of vaccinations, to keep themselves, their families, colleagues and, most importantly, your relatives safe.
- Emergency maintenance visits are not included within the ruling.

Keeping your relatives safe

Although not required by law, we continue to encourage people we support, family, friends and visitors to be fully vaccinated, helping to keep everyone safe.

Our staff teams continue to keep the PPE and infection control measures in place that have been so effective in protecting the vulnerable people we support throughout the pandemic, in line with government guidelines.

We would like to reassure you that safety remains paramount when supporting your relative.

Thank you

Hft's Pandemic Response Committee