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CARE HOME RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES

Take part in the **VIVALDI Clinical Trial** and help stop the spread of **COVID-19** in care homes



The VIVALDI Clinical Trial is a national government-funded research project led by University College London and supported by your care home.

We want to find out:

- Does regularly testing staff who don't have symptoms for COVID reduce residents' chance of getting severely ill, by stopping staff from spreading infection?
- Is it feasible for care home staff to keep testing?
- What are the downsides for residents, their families, members of staff, and care homes of regularly testing staff for COVID?
- Is regular testing for staff still good value for money now residents' risk of getting severely ill with COVID is much lower than it was at the start of the pandemic?



We are collecting identifiable data from residents in your care home as part of the trial without consent. However, all residents' personal information is removed from the dataset before it is shared with the research team and we will never be able to see your name, NHS number or any identifiers.

Data are collected in two ways:



1. We are asking care home managers to record NHS numbers, names and dates of birth for any residents who are admitted to hospital for suspected COVID during the trial, and to send this information securely to the NHS. This information is really important for the trial.
2. We are asking NHS analysts to use identifiable data (NHS numbers, names, dates of birth) that they already have access to from residents' COVID tests to build the dataset that is used by the researchers. They do this by linking COVID test results to other NHS datasets (hospital admissions, deaths, COVID vaccinations).



If you don't want data from your test results to be used in this way, you can opt out by talking to your care home manager. They will help you to complete a form.



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For more information, please see the **VIVALDI Clinical Trial website** which can be accessed using the QR Code on the left or link below.

If you have any concerns about the study or you don't want your data to be included, please speak with your care home manager who will provide you with an 'opt-out' form.

Website: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/health-informatics/research/vivaldi/vivaldi-clinical-trial>

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