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CARE HOME STAFF

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 on COVID-19 test results from staff in your care home without consent as part of the trial. However, all staff members' 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.



What is involved?

We are collecting data from staff in your care home. All identifiable information about you will be removed from the dataset before its provided to the research team, but NHS analyst will use identifiable data from your COVID test (NHS number, name, date of birth) to build the dataset that is used by the researchers.



Who has approved this trial?

We have approval (Section 251 exemption) from the Health Research Authority (HRA) Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) to use data from staff in this way.

The only data from staff that researchers will analyse is the total number of people who test for COVID and the number who are positive. They will not have access to results for individual staff members.

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 and completing a form. Alternatively, you can use the NHS data opt out mechanism (www.digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out)



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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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