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Dear Andrew, Rachel, Chris

Thank you for your letter of 28 July regarding the COVID certification scheme. I am responding on behalf of the Cabinet Office. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The Government recently published a summary of the conclusions of the COVID-status certification review. Following our certification review, there will currently be no legal requirements for proof of COVID-status as a condition of entry for visitors to any setting, although organisations may adopt certification with the NHS COVID PASS as being one of the ways you can get a COVID-PASS to easily show your status.

However, as a matter of social responsibility we're urging nightclubs and other venues where large crowds gather to make use of the NHS COVID PASS - which shows proof of vaccination, a recent negative test or natural immunity – as a means of entry.

By the end of September, the Government has said it plans to make full vaccination a condition of entry to certain settings, including nightclubs and other venues where large crowds gather, once all UK adults have been offered the chance to be fully vaccinated. At that point, testing would no longer remain sufficient to get an NHS COVID PASS.

There are currently multiple routes to demonstrate COVID status, including vaccination, testing or proof of natural immunity. There would also be a small number of exemptions, where if individuals meet one of the following criteria they would be able to demonstrate their exempt status:

- a) those who have received a trial vaccine, including those who are blinded or may have a placebo, as part of a formally-approved COVID-19 vaccine trial in the UK;
- b) exceptional circumstances for individuals where a clinician recommends vaccine deferral or that vaccination is not appropriate and where testing is also not recommended on clinical grounds.

We also recommend that individuals under 18 are exempt from having to demonstrate COVID-status certification for entry into domestic settings.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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