



## Covid-19 Response Volunteer Declaration

Thank you for your willingness to undertake this much needed role to support patients and staff in the hospital during this world pandemic. Your dedication in putting yourself forward for this role is very much appreciated. To ensure we know you understand what you are undertaking by being a response volunteer at this time, we would appreciate it if you could read the following very carefully. *(Please note, if you are under 18 years of age, your parent or guardian will need to countersign this declaration)*

You cannot undertake this role if you have been contacted by your GP and told you may be at high risk from coronavirus or if you are in any of the categories listed by the government as being high risk. At the time of writing (27/03/2020), high risk being defined as:

- over 70 years old
- are pregnant and have a serious heart condition
- are taking medicine that weakens your immune system
- have had an organ transplant
- are having certain types of cancer treatment
- have blood or bone marrow cancer, such as leukaemia
- have a severe lung condition, such as cystic fibrosis or severe asthma
- have a condition that makes you much more likely to get infections

Please keep up to date with government advice as to who is defined as being at high risk from coronavirus <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-people-at-high-risk/>. If you believe you may be at high risk from coronavirus, you must not undertake this role.

Whilst you will not be asked to enter into any isolation areas and should therefore not be coming into contact with any patients who have suspected or confirmed covid-19, there is still a risk that you may unknowingly come into contact with the covid-19 virus whilst undertaking your response volunteering role (in the same way there is this risk with going into any public place).

- We have developed a training programme to support you in your role as best we can.
- You will need to be independent in carrying out the tasks given to you by the volunteer hub coordinator (see role description for list of tasks).
- You may well be coming into contact with distressed patients, relatives and staff.
- You must follow the direction of the volunteer hub coordinators and stick to your role description at all times.
- You must adhere to all infection control policies and procedures which will be explained to you in your e-learning and face-to-face training.
- You must feedback any incidents, concerns or anxieties to the volunteer hub coordinators before signing out at the end of your shift.
- You have the right to withdraw your volunteering commitment at any time.
- **You must not leave your home and must not come onto the hospital site or enter any hospital buildings if you, or anyone you live with, are presenting with any symptoms of Covid-19.**
  - At the time of writing (27/03/2020), government advice included the following as symptoms: any kind of new persistent cough and/or a temperature of over 38 degrees celsius within the past 14 days. Please ensure you keep up to date with government advice which can be found in the following location <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms-and-what-to-do/>



I confirm that I have read and understood all of the information on this covid-19 response volunteer declaration form.

Name (please print): .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

<p>Under 18 years old only:</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Name (please print):.....</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Signature:..... Date: .....</p>
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Voluntary Services Signature: ..... Date: .....