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COVID-19 Test and Trace Apps – new information



COVID-19 Test and Trace apps have recently been released for England and Wales, and also for Scotland. In England and Wales, it's known as the NHS COVID-19 app, in Scotland it's NHS Scotland Test & Protect.

While the apps work slightly differently, they both have the same aim of helping protect the users by warning them if they have been in close contact, less than 2 metres, for over 15 minutes with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. With increasing infection rates, we are asking everyone to download the relevant app and encourage family and friends, who are over the age of 16, to do likewise.

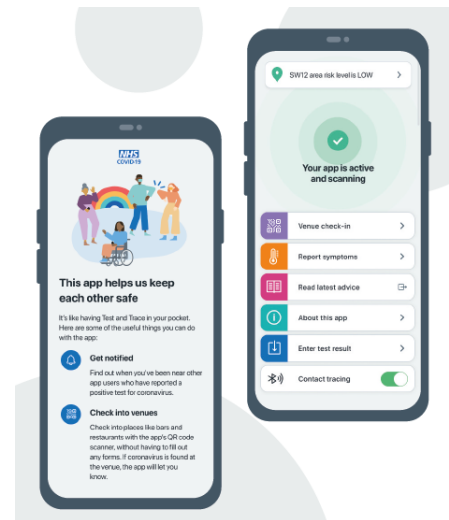
The NHS COVID-19 app also includes a “check in” function where users scan a location specific QR code, which helps the NHS understand if infection rates are increasing in a particular area so that action can be taken quickly to stop it spreading further. **Site Managers in England and Wales are asked to create a specific Coronavirus NHS QR Code Poster for their location and encourage all visitors and contractors to “check-in” on arrival** (see links below). The apps have been designed to protect user’s anonymity, so nobody, including the government, will know who or where a particular user is.

Please help the battle against COVID by downloading the relevant app and, in England and Wales, ensuring your site has a NHS COVID-19 QR Poster for visitors and contractors to “check-in”

The links below explain how the apps work, how to download them, and in the case of England and Wales, how to generate site specific QR code posters. Further details of the NHS COVID-19 app can also be found in the attachment.

If you need any advice or support, please contact the Health and Safety Team.

Look After Yourself, Look After Each Other...Please encourage family and friends to download the relevant app. The more people who use the apps, the better chance we have of beating COVID.



England & Wales NHS COVID19 app:

Video, How it works: https://youtu.be/Pj_tV1v9MR8

App Download: <https://covid19.nhs.uk/>

Video, QR Posters: https://youtu.be/1owHdvq6Z_g

Create a NHS COVID-19 QR Poster for your location: <https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster>

Scotland NHA Scotland Test & Protect app:

Video, How it Works: <https://youtu.be/rzGzh0msKNA>

App Download: <https://protect.scot/>