


# COVID-OUT

**Take part in vital research  
to help stop COVID-19**

**By volunteering, you can:**



**Help us learn  
how to more effectively  
stop the virus spreading  
and get working life back  
closer to normal.**

**We are inviting  
everyone in your  
workplace to take part in  
this study, regardless of  
whether you have been  
infected with COVID-19.**

**Play your  
part in some of the  
most important science  
happening in the  
world today.**

**Receive £20 voucher**

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## What is this research?

We're asking you to take part in a study called COVID-OUT, which is conducting rapid on-the-ground research in workplaces such as yours that have had an increased number of COVID-19 cases over a time period that could be a COVID-19 cluster or an outbreak.

This will improve our understanding of how infections start and spread, which will in turn help us advise government and businesses on how to prevent them as the UK unlocks.

COVID-OUT is part of a larger research programme called the PROTECT COVID-19 National Core Study on transmission and environment. Funded by the UK Government, PROTECT is improving our understanding of how the COVID-19 virus is transmitted in different places and how to stop it, helping save lives and get society back towards normal.

COVID-OUT is a collaboration between the University of Manchester, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the Health and Safety Executive, and UK Health Security Agency. It's strictly research – not a regulatory investigation.



## What does it involve?

Employees will be asked to volunteer, and complete a questionnaire about their work and commute, COVID-19 symptoms and general health. Only those who give their informed consent will be included.



## How do I take part?

### If you are an employee:

Read the participant information sheet and sign the consent form to be part of the study. ✓

Complete a questionnaire which should take about 30 minutes. ✓

The information we collect will be de-identified, meaning that it won't be possible to trace it back to you as an individual. We won't share your questionnaire answers or test results with your employer.

To thank you for your participation, you will be able to claim a £20 "one4all" voucher once you complete the consent form and the questionnaire. The vouchers are redeemable at [www.one4alldigital.com](http://www.one4alldigital.com)

These are electronic vouchers that can be used on line or converted into cards so they can be used on the high street. The electronic or card vouchers are redeemable at most high street retailers ie: Boots, B&Q, Argos, H&M, John Lewis, M&S, ODEON cinema, TK max and many more.



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## If you are an employer:

Liaise with the study team, read the information sheet and sign the consent form. ✓

Nominate a contact to provide information on your workforce and shift patterns. ✓

Work with the study team to sign up employees as voluntary participants - we will provide promotional materials. ✓



**Employees can sign up now using the link or QR code on your site-specific COVID-OUT flyer.**

For the COVID-OUT participant information sheet (questionnaire only), visit <https://bit.ly/3CmikcL>

For the employer information sheet, visit [bit.ly/COVID-OUT2](https://bit.ly/COVID-OUT2)

For more information on PROTECT, visit [bit.ly/PROTECT\\_NCS](https://bit.ly/PROTECT_NCS)

Our researchers will be happy to answer any questions about the study when they are on site.

You can also contact the COVID-OUT team at: [COVID-OUT@HSE.gov.uk](mailto:COVID-OUT@HSE.gov.uk)