Petitions

UK Government and Parliament

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

What you need to do

Petition Do not rollout Covid-19 vaccine passports

We want the Government to commit to not rolling out any e-vaccination status/immunity passport to the British public. Such passports could be used to restrict the rights of people who have refused a Covid-19 vaccine, which would be unacceptable.

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On Dec 14th 2020, Nadhim Zahawi MP said 'there are no plans for vaccine passports'. He continues to deny the Government has plans despite reports that people who have received the Covid-19 vaccine will be offered a passport proving they have been vaccinated as part of a government-funded trial.

The Government must be completely clear to the public about the use of vaccine passports & their intentions, which will undoubtedly affect societal cohesion & effect the economic recovery of Great Britain this year & into 2022.

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Parliament debated this topic

This topic was debated on 15 March 2021



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Government responded

This response was given on 3 March 2021

The Government is reviewing whether COVID-status certificates could play a role in reopening parts of our economy, reducing restrictions on social contact and improving safety.

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As set out in the roadmap by the Prime Minister, this review will include assessing to what extent certification would be effective in reducing risk, and the potential uses to enable access to settings or a relaxation of COVID-Secure mitigations. The Government will also consider the ethical, equalities, privacy, legal and operational aspects of this approach and what limits, if any, should be placed on organisations using certification. It will draw on external advice to develop recommendations that take into account any social and economic impacts, and implications for disproportionately impacted groups and individuals' privacy and security. The Government will set out its conclusions in advance of Step 4 in order to inform the safe reopening of society and the economy.

As the Prime Minister has said, there are complex ethical issues - and we can't discriminate against people who, for whatever reason, haven't had a vaccine.

Cabinet Office

Other parliamentary business

▼ Petitions Committee schedules debate on vaccine passports

On Monday 15 March, MPs will debate vaccine passports, in response to this petition.

Watch the debate (from 4.30pm, Mon 15 March):

https://youtu.be/wtJqyDyuqhE

Read the debate transcript (available shortly after the conclusion of the debate):

https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2021-03-15

Follow the Committee on Twitter and join the discussion using #VaccinePassportDebate:

https://www.twitter.com/hocpetitions

The debate has been scheduled by the Petitions Committee will be led by Committee member Mike Hill MP. MPs from all parties can take part, and the Government will send a Minister to respond.

What are petitions debates?

Petitions debates are 'general' debates which allow MPs from all parties to discuss the important issues raised by one or more petitions, and put their concerns to Government Ministers.

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