



# Every Story Matters

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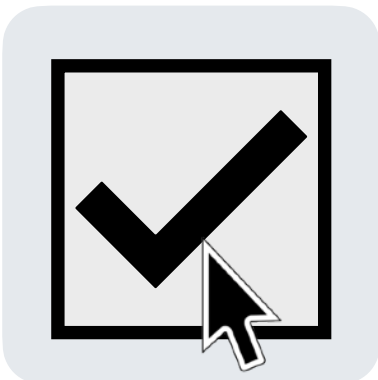
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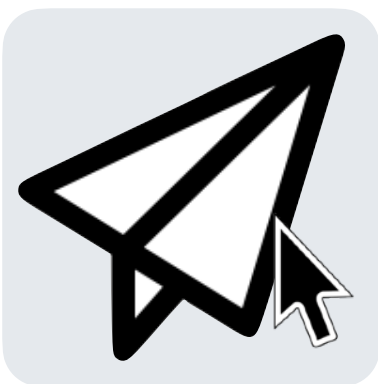
# How to use this survey on a computer



You can complete this survey on your computer. First you will need to download it.



When you open the survey on your computer, you will be able to click on the tick boxes and write in the text boxes.



When you have finished the survey, save it to your computer and email a copy to:

[contact@covid19.public-inquiry.uk](mailto:contact@covid19.public-inquiry.uk)

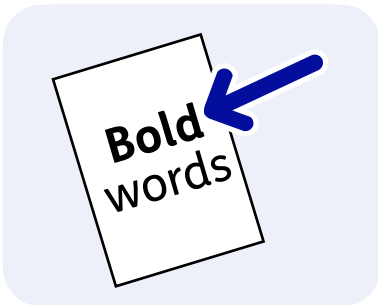
# Easy Read



This is an Easy Read version of some hard information. It may not include all of the information but will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read form uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker.



These are words that some people will find hard. When you see a bold word, we will explain it in the next sentence.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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# About Every Story Matters



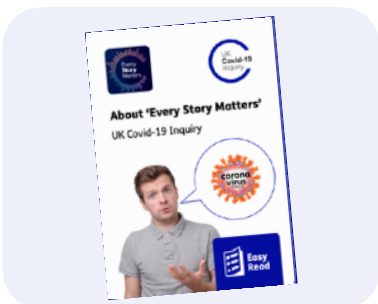
The UK Covid-19 **Inquiry** has started a project called ‘Every Story Matters’, so people from across the UK can share their stories with us.



An **Inquiry** is when a group of people look at what happened and tell everyone the facts about what happened.



Your stories will help the Inquiry understand what happened to people during the pandemic.



Before filling in this form, please read ‘About Every Story Matters’ (Easy Read) for more information.

# How to fill in this form



You must be aged 18 or older to fill in this form.



Your story must be about things that have happened in the UK.



Please write your answers in the boxes.



You must answer questions marked with a red star \*

# If you need help



You can ask a member of your family or a friend to help fill in the form.



You might have a lot of different feelings when you fill in the form.



If you want to talk to someone about your feelings, here is a list of groups that may be able to help:

[www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/  
support](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/support)

# About your story



\* **Question 1:** What would you like to tell us about?

\* You must answer this question.

*Tick all the boxes that explain what your story is about.*



Having Covid-19.



Someone I know died because of Covid-19.



Living with **long Covid** - this is where you still feel unwell from Covid after a long time.





How I feel about myself.



Being at school or college.



My job.



A health service.



Covid tests and **vaccinations**.  
**Vaccinations** are injections or jabs that help to stop you from being ill.



Being pregnant or having a baby.



Care homes or support at home.



My mental health, like feeling sad, angry, anxious or stressed.



My family.



My relationship.



My local community, like my neighbours or my place of worship.



Official government information.



Being treated unfairly.



Something good that happened to me.

# Your story



\* **Question 2:** Tell us what happened to you during the pandemic, or what is still happening to you now.

\* **You must answer this question.**

*Do not include your name, address or telephone number in your answer.*

*Please use this page if you need more space for Question 2.*

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**Question 3:** How did the pandemic affect you and the people around you?

*You can tell us about your friends, family or your local community.*

*Please use this page if you need more space for Question 3.*

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**Question 4:** What can be learned from the pandemic?

*Tell us about what was done well and what could have been done better.*

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*Please use this page if you need more space for Question 4.*

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**Question 5:** Where did your experience happen?

England

Northern Ireland

Scotland

Wales

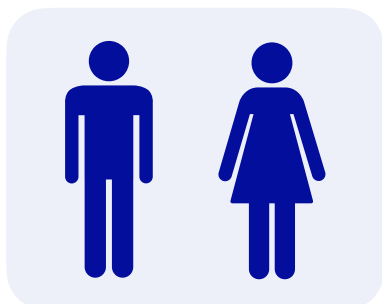
# About you



You do not have to answer these questions if you don't want to.



**Question 6:** How old are you?



**Question 7:** How do you describe your gender?

Female

Male

I use a different word

I prefer not to say



**Question 8:** What is your **ethnicity**?

**Ethnicity** is your race or background.  
For example black, white or Asian.



**Asian or Asian British**

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background



## **Black or Black British**

African

Caribbean

Any other Black background



## **You come from more than 1 ethnic group**

White and Black Caribbean

White and Black African

White and Asian

Any other mixed ethnic background



## Another ethnic group

Arab

Any other ethnic group



## White

White English, Welsh,  
Scottish, Northern Irish or  
British

Irish

Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Any other White background

I prefer not to say



**Question 9:** What is your religion?

No religion

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

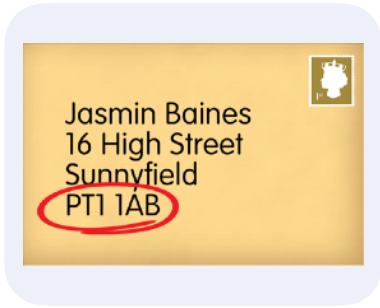
Jewish

Muslim

Sikh

Any other religion

I prefer not to say



**Question 10:** What is your postcode?



# About you: work



**Question 11:** When your story took place, were you...?

*Please tick all the boxes that apply.*

In a full time job

In a part time job

Working for myself

A student

Retired

Not working and looking for a job

Not working with a long-term sickness

Looking after my home or my family

I prefer not to say



**Question 12:** If you were a key worker when your story took place, what type of work were you doing?

*Please tick all the boxes that apply.*

Education and childcare

Key public services

Selling food and other things people need to live

Health and social care

Government or local council

Keeping the public safe

Transport

Providing a service like gas or electric, phone or banking

I was not a key worker

I prefer not to say



**Question 13:** What was your job title?

*If you had more than 1 job title, please write them all below.*

# About you: caring and health



**Question 14:** When your story took place, were you a carer? This could be paid care work or unpaid care work.

*Please tick all the boxes that apply.*

Caring for someone with a long-term physical or mental health condition

Caring for someone who needed help because of Covid-19

Caring for someone who was very old

Caring for children of friends or family members

Caring for my own children

Other

No

I prefer not to say



**Question 15:** Do you find everyday things difficult because of a disability or long-term health problem?

Yes, very difficult

Yes, a bit difficult

No

I prefer not to say

# Shielding



People were asked to **shield** themselves if they were likely to be very ill from Covid-19.



To **shield** means to stay indoors at home as much as possible and only have important face-to-face meetings with other people.



You may have been asked to shield if you have a disease or health problem that means you could be very ill with Covid-19.



**Question 16:** Were you asked to shield at any time during the pandemic?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

# Thank you



Thank you for sharing your story about what happened during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please send your form back to us by posting to:



FREEPOST  
UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry

That is all you need to put on the envelope. You do not need a stamp.

# If you change your mind about sharing your story



It is okay to change your mind about sharing your story.



You can stop filling in the form at any time.



If you have already sent the form, you can ask for it to be deleted. Some information may already have been used.



To ask for your form to be deleted, email:

[contact@covid19.public-inquiry.uk](mailto:contact@covid19.public-inquiry.uk)

**Your code**

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In your email, please include the code you were given when you sent your form.



# For more information

You can look at our website here:



- English: [www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters)
- Welsh: [www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/cy/every-story-matters](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/cy/every-story-matters)



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