Offering Covid-19 vaccination

As part of wider efforts to combat the SARS-CoV-2-19 (“Covid-19”) pandemic, the University is working with the Scottish National Health Service (“SNHS”) so that students on arrival at St Andrews have the option, should they wish to take that up, to receive a course of vaccinations against the disease Covid-19.

**Decisions on vaccination are personal; there is no compulsion to take up the option of registering your interest to receive a vaccination.**

How will this work?

Registering students as patients with the Scottish National Health Service

The Covid-19 vaccination programme in Scotland uses a unique patient identification number i.e. the Community Health Index (“CHI Number”); without a CHI number, invitations for vaccination cannot be arranged. Students who are registered locally with a General Practitioner (“GP”) will have a CHI Number. A CHI Number is usually created after an individual registers with a GP, but that can take a further 3 to 4 weeks to administer.

Creating CHI Numbers in advance for those students who do not have one will mean that where individuals also opt to become vaccinated, the time taken to offer vaccinations will be greatly reduced.

In August 2021, the University will pass basic details of our students (name and date of birth) to the local Health Board, NHS Fife, who will create a CHI number for those individuals that do not have one.

The University can lawfully pass details to NHS Fife without consent. However, if you wish to object please email revisit your MySaint account [https://mysaint.st-andrews.ac.uk/](https://mysaint.st-andrews.ac.uk/) where you can withdraw your consent in the same way that you gave it. If you do this by **13 August 2021** then your details will not be transferred.

Please note that if you receive a CHI Number through this scheme and you are not registered locally with a GP, you would still need to register with a GP practice; it is recommended that you do so soon after arriving at St Andrews.

Expressing an interest in receiving a Covid-19 vaccination

If you wish to receive a Covid-19 vaccination after arriving in St Andrews, you can register an expression of interest by completing the questions in your MySaint account [https://mysaint.st-andrews.ac.uk/](https://mysaint.st-andrews.ac.uk/). You need to answer all the questions and give your express consent for your answers to be passed to NHS Fife. The details you provide will be used by NHS Fife to plan for and organise vaccinations. If you change your mind and no longer wish for your details to be used to plan for and organise a vaccination you can withdraw your consent at any time, by revisiting the task in MySaint [https://mysaint.st-andrews.ac.uk/](https://mysaint.st-andrews.ac.uk/) where the option to withdraw is immediately available to you. The University will then instruct NHS Fife to destroy all details that were passed on, when you registered your interest.

When your details are passed to NHS Fife

Where your details are transferred, NHS Fife become responsible for those under data protection law. The University and NHS Fife have entered into a data sharing agreement, That agreement explains how personal details transferred to NHS Fife are to be used and protected; a copy of that agreement is available on request by emailing dataprot@st-
andrews.ac.uk. The University will destroy all records of details passed to NHS Fife, 30 days after NHS Fife have confirmed receipt.

Contact details
If you have any questions or concerns about how the University is using your personal data, you can get in touch with the University Data Protection Officer by email dataprot@st-andrews.ac.uk