

Covid Response Volunteer (Vaccine & Testing Site Support)

Role Description

About the Role

Covid Response Volunteers are at the forefront of supporting residents and communities affected by covid-19 and it is a diverse and varied role. The most important resource for Salford CVS in response and recovery is to have a pool of volunteers to call upon to assist.

Purpose of the Role

The main purpose of the role is to support at vaccine and testing sites and this may include engaging with local residents to promote the vaccine and testing sites. It may be supporting at either the permanent vaccine/testing sites, the vaccine bus or the pop up sites. It will involve marshalling duties, welcoming and engaging with people who are attending for their vaccine or for testing and promoting the sites to local residents.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Welcoming people who are attending for their vaccine or for testing
- Providing reassurance to people if needed whilst they are waiting to have their vaccine
- Engaging in conversation with people who want to chat
- Helping to manage the queues
- Cleaning and wiping down chairs
- Promoting the testing and vaccine sites in the local area, talking to residents to make them aware the sites are there
- Reporting any concerns to the manager who is on duty

Health & Safety

PPE, hand sanitiser and wipes are provided. Social distancing rules should be observed, you will not need to have direct contact with anyone. All health and safety procedures will be gone through before volunteering commences.

Qualifications

There are no specific qualifications needed for this role.

Training

You will be briefed on site about the tasks that are needed and the team will make sure you are fully confident with what you are asked to do.

Skills

- Your life experience, both personal and professional will be of extreme value to this role
- Excellent interpersonal skills with ability to communicate to a range of different people
- Friendly
- Adaptable
- Organised
- Language skills in addition to English would be welcome

Commitments

The role is flexible and the demand varies. It is mostly during the daytime, during the week but weekend is often needed too. The pop up vaccine sites and the bus are in different locations and at different times and frequencies. The locations respond to rates of infection in specific areas and so the requests for volunteers are often last minute. Volunteers usually do half a day's shift, some may do more than one shift a week others may do less depending on their other commitments. Any amount of time people can give is appreciated.

Benefits

- Active and sociable role
- Gain and use a variety of skills such as communication skills
- You will be volunteering within a team of dedicated people
- You will be providing vital support to the vaccination and testing team
- You will be making a real difference and helping to stop the spread of Covid

Support

- A member of our staff team will support you in your role
- You will be supported on site by the outreach, vaccine and testing site managers

Expenses

You will receive out of pocket travel expenses in line with the Salford CVS volunteer policy.

