## SOUTH HERMITAGE SURGERY COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Passport) Information

From 17 May 2022 people in England who have had a full course of the COVID-19 vaccine will be able to demonstrate their COVID-19 vaccination status for international travel. A full course is currently two doses of any approved vaccine.

Please do not contact your GP surgery or the place where you were vaccinated about your COVID-19 vaccination status.

GPs cannot provide letters showing your COVID-19 vaccination status.

People can prove their vaccination status:

 NHS app – if you have a smart phone or tablet, you can download the NHS app by searching for 'NHS App' in your app store. Please note this is different from the NHS COVID-19 app. Once you have downloaded the app, you will need to create an account. You can find help and information on what you need to do here.

To use the NHS App, you must:

- Be registered with a GP in England
- Be over the age of 13 (if you are aged 13-15, you will need to contact your GP surgery to request GP online services access before you can use the app)

We recommend that you download the app prior to booking your international holiday, and at least two weeks before your departure date.

2. On request by calling NHS 119 - If you do not have access to a smart phone or the internet and you know the country you wish to travel to will need to know your vaccination status on entry, you can call 119 and ask for them to send you a letter in the post.

This must be at least five working days after you have had your vaccine, and letters will take up to five working days to reach you. Make sure you leave yourself plenty of time to sort this if you are travelling abroad.

Your letter will be sent to the address your GP has recorded for you; the call handler will not be able to see your address to check this for you. If you have moved house, please update your GP with your new home address before calling 119.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccine passports, please look at the government guidance <a href="here.">here.</a>

For further information, please click here: <u>Demonstrating your COVID-19 vaccination status</u> when travelling abroad