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COVID-19 UPDATED GUIDANCE TO THE TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE TRADE

Hi all

The government have put additional measures in place to slow the spread of the Omicron variant of the virus. For the taxi trade, guidance can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-taxis-and-phvs?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=cfcc4cf6-0f80-447b-a611-90bcd63c2458&utm_content=immediately

Vaccination is by far the most effective method of protection against the virus. Drivers should ensure that they are fully vaccinated and also if they have not already done so, get the booster jab.

To book a booster jab, you should have contact from your GP surgery to book an appointment. If you have not, then you can book an appointment here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

Your passengers should be using face coverings in your vehicle unless they are exempted. You can refuse to carry passengers if they refuse to wear a face covering. You are advised to wear a face covering when driving customers. However, this may not always be practical so it is advice only. Licensing can provide drivers with free face coverings while stocks last. Just come to the inspection bay when we are open and give us a call and we will run some down for you.

We will be closed over the festive periods on the afternoon of the 24th and the bank holidays only. The other days we will be business as usual.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you seasons greetings and to thank you, your staff and drivers for the work that you have done through difficult times over the past year or so and I hope the new year is prosperous.

Regards

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