

Barchester Noticeboard

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Barchester Delay Implementing 'No Jab, No Job' Policy For Staff:



Posted on: 10 March 2021

We have recieved a response to concerns we expressed around employee vaccination policy, and have taken the decision to delay implementing it until 23rd April.

The full correspondence reads:

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Thank you for your email,

This response relates only to the 31 former Four Seasons/brighterkind services only.

The Exec Board held our first of the fortnightly formal meetings last Monday to review any new research around vaccine safety, efficacy, impact on transmissibility, variants etc. No data had come to light which contradicted previous thinking which underpins the approach set out in the Policy and much of it supported that approach. We will continue to hold such meetings with Professor Stonehouse fortnightly (and summarise any additional information and any outcomes with all staff each time) up to the 23rd April and can, as mentioned previously, delay the full implementation of the Vaccine Policy.

Should the Vaccine Policy go live on 23rd April or on some later date, then Barchester will invite by letter all relevant employees to an individual meeting with their GM, to which they have the right to be accompanied. The employee will have the opportunity to discuss and represent their position including any concerns they may have or any further consideration that may apply to them. The employees' representations will be carefully considered and Barchester will also consider alternatives and the outcome of this would be shared with the employee, which may include a dismissal outcome where contractual notice would apply. The employee would have the right to appeal that outcome.

We understand that many employees who were previously hesitant have seen that accepting the vaccine is appropriate, being safe, effective in reducing disease and also in reducing the risk of transmission to the vulnerable residents for which they care. As a result, we hope very much that there will be no relevant employees.

I hope that helps.

Kind regards

Genevieve

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance For Members In Barchester

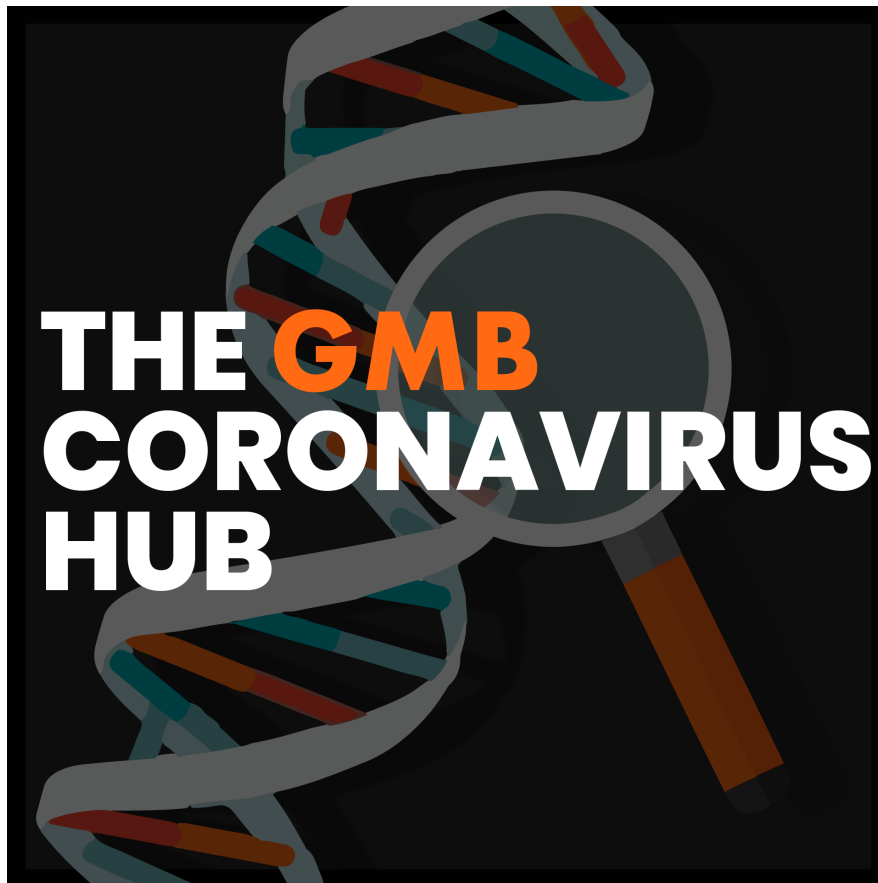


Posted on: 13 January 2021

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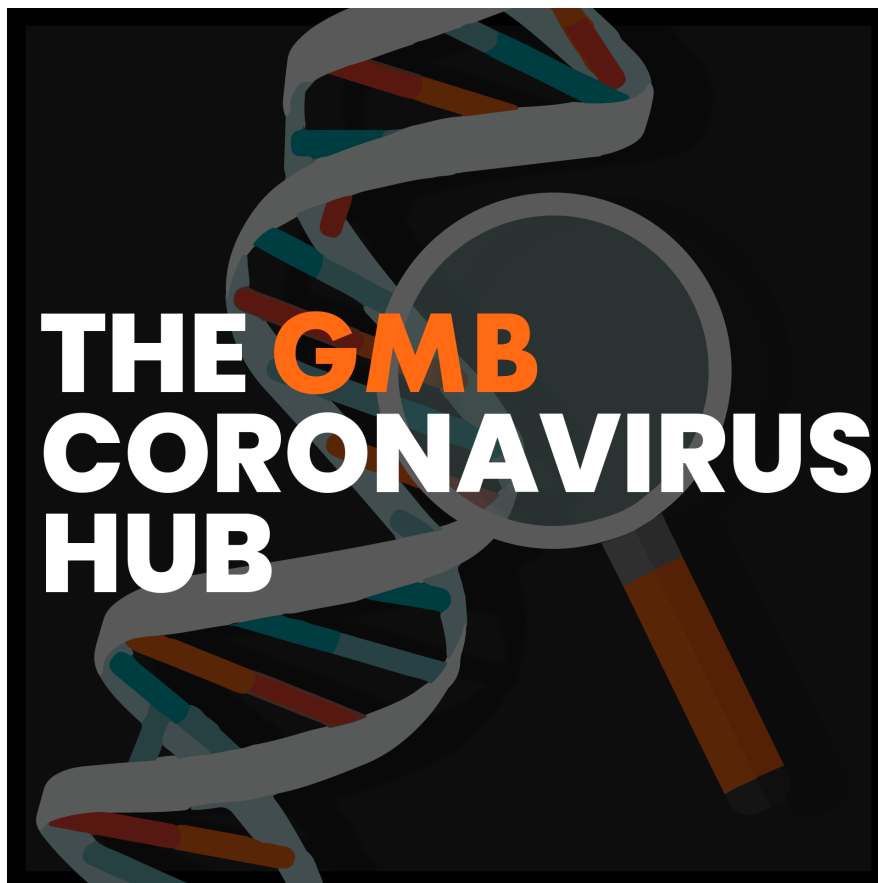
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