**Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19**

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**Background and scope of guidance**

This guidance is for people who are clinically extremely vulnerable, including children. It’s also for their family, friends and carers.

People who are clinically extremely vulnerable should have received a letter telling them they’re in this group or been told by their GP.

It’s for situations where a clinically extremely vulnerable person is living at home, with or without additional support. This includes clinically extremely vulnerable people living in long-term care facilities for the elderly or people with special needs.

If you have been told that you’re clinically extremely vulnerable, you should:

* **We would strongly advise all our shielding patients to register online for ongoing Government updates and support access at a later date even if they don’t need any additional help at the moment**
* [register online](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable) even if you do not need additional support now

**The link below provides further Government information for all those in the clinically extremely vulnerable group.**

* follow the advice in this guidance link below

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>